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Otsego Library benefits from Eagle Scout Project

The Otsego District Public Library saw significant improvements to its outdoor spaces thanks to the leadership and service of Eagle Scout candidate Amelia Helen Tuttle of Troop 191, Lakeshore District, Michigan Crossroads Council.

Amelia's project, titled *Library Landscaping*, focused on enhancing both the safety and beauty of the library's grounds. Work included transforming the library's front entrance sign area and the parking lot roundabout.

The roundabout previously had been difficult to maintain and was a potential safety hazard. Amelia and her crew cleared old flower beds and gravel, reseeded with grass, relocated a sundial.

Additionally, healthy flowers such as balloon flowers, day lilies and irises were transplanted to other library garden beds, adding to the library's overall landscape design.

At the library's front entrance sign, invasive mulberry trees were removed to protect the sign structure. The project also included filling small holes in the lawn and reseeding areas to improve accessibility and safety for library patrons.

Otsego District Public Library director Andrea Estelle expressed her gratitude for the upgrades provided by Amelia.

"This project will make a lasting difference for our library and community," Estelle said. "It will improve safety, reduce long-term maintenance costs and create a more inviting environment for everyone who visits our library."

For her Eagle Scout project, Amelia Tuttle (seen in photo at near right) decided to improve the landscaping in front of and around Otsego District Public Library. Tuttle and her crew of volunteers made several improvements that ODPL director Andrea Estelle said will make a big impact for the library and its patrons. (Photos provided)

Amelia led approximately ten volunteers, including fellow Scouts, friends, family and community members in carrying out the work. To support the effort, she sought donations of materials such as grass seed, soil and yard supplies from local businesses and individuals.

Donors included: The Tuttle Family, Scout Troops 191G and 91B, Plainwell Home Depot, Mulder's Landscaping Supplies, Amy Schriener, Mr. and Mrs. Hahn and Matthew Heger.

"We don't have a full-time gardener, and our volunteers have really stepped up this year to help out the library," Estelle said. "The Friends of the Library also aid in grounds maintenance through a program called Hour with the Flowers.

"However, this job was too big for that group and we are very thankful to Amelia Tuttle and her crew for taking on this major project. We are glad that her group was able to save the good perennials from this bed and move them to other garden beds around the library. We also congratulate Amelia on completing her Eagle Scout project."

Amelia's project reflects the core mission of Scouting: leadership through service. By organizing, planning and leading this initiative, she not only provides a meaningful community improvement but also takes the final step toward achieving Scouting's highest rank: Eagle Scout.

The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest advancement in Scouts BSA, earned by fewer than six percent of Scouts nationwide. Requirements include demonstrating leadership, community service, and the completion of a significant service project that benefits a school, religious institution, or community.

Plainwell hosts informational meeting for Battle of the Books

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Battle of the Books has become an annual tradition for area elementary school students.

A quiz-bowl-style competition designed for students in grades three through five, Battle of the Books features three rounds of seven questions based on six books selected by organizers.

Plainwell students who are interested in participating—or parents/guardians who are interested in serving as coaches—in the 2026 Battle of Books have the opportunity to learn more at an informational meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Gilkey Elementary School media center.

"More information and sign-up details will be shared through building communications soon," organizers said in social media post. "In the meantime, if your student is interested in participating or you are interested in becoming a coach, we invite you to attend (the meeting)."

The Urban Legends from Plainwell' Gilkey Elementary School emerged as the big winner the 2025 Battle of the Books, prevailing in the Grand Battle. (File photo)

The books selected for this year's Battle—which will take place in February—are:

* "Catching a Story Fish" by Janice Harrington
* "Punished" by David Lubar
* "Escape from Mr. Lemoncell's Library" by Chris Grabenstein
* "Danger on the Mountain: True Stories of Extreme Adventure" by Greg Treinish
* "Where the Mountain Meets the Moon" by Grace Lin
* "Fish in a Tree" by Linda Mullaly Hunt

"The goal of BOTB is to encourage reading, grow student's teamwork skills and have fun," organizers said.

The Plainwell participants will practice with their teams from November through February in preparation for the competition.

In the past, Battle of the Books consisted primarily of the elementary schools from Plainwell and Otsego. Two years ago, Hopkins and Martin schools were added to the mix.

Plainwell royalty

Plainwell Community Schools held its annual homecoming festivities the week of Monday, Sept. 29. And as always, the week culminated with the crowning of this year's royalty.

Alyssa Weldon (left) was named this year's queen, while Andrew Hampton was named this year's king. (Photo provided)

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Allegan celebrates the arrival of fall

By Gari Voss

The streets of Allegan were decked out with fall décor while businesses and entertainment venues offered a touch of the macabre. Friday night was geared to adults who enjoy terrorizing themselves, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show did just that.

Saturday's summer-like weather brought the families and more faint of heart to the businesses and parks. The Riverfront boasted a huge pumpkin and a skeleton band while a short walk down the Boardwalk revealed a field of pumpkins thanks to Allen's Farm Market. Many took the opportunity to hop on the hay wagon, pull up a bale, and enjoy a ride around town.

No matter where one went, there were opportunities to do arts and crafts, whether at Arts and Eats, Pretty Pink Tingz, Allegan District Library, the shops along Locust Street, or the picture frames in the Haunted Alley.

As the Saturday progressed, the sounds of Oktoberfest could be heard. The Allegan Brass Collective shared their festive music on Tantrick's patio while staff encouraged those in attendance to try their hand, or arm, at stein lifting.

Throughout the day, people stopped at the Griswold Auditorium for monster movies or the Regent Theater to watch Halloween movies. A taste of the Ghostbusters and Echo-1 were found at Tardy's Underground

As the day came to a close, many gathered at Trowbridge Plaza to join a Ghost Tour. Docents escorted groups around Allegan and stopped at key locations that held historical significance for Allegan and stories of ghostly figures. Marilla Griswold held the focus on a couple stops, but many wondered about the little girl who appears in the upper window of the Old Jail Museum and the theater employee that still watches over the Regent Theater. Kudos go to Deb Adams and Erin Dye for their investigations into the stories behind ghost sightings.

For those still seeking a bit of the holiday spirit, the Regent Theater overed a 9:30pm showing of Shocktober! – An American Werewolf in London.

The Downtown Allegan group is already considering ideas for Hoot n Howl 2026, but in the meanwhile, residents and visitors are invited to keep their eyes open to yard scenes as calls are already coming regarding who has the best Halloween Decorations in town. Plus, the Eagles will host a Trunk or Treat before the downtown Trick or Treat arrives on October 31st.

Friends and families gathered in Riverfront Park to enjoy the giant pumpkin and skeleton band during Hoot n Howl weekend, Oct. 3&4, 2025, in Allegan. Photo: G. Voss

A stop at Mahan Park offered a tour through the Pumpkin Patch thanks to Allen Farm Market and a ride around town on the hay wagon. Photo: G. Voss

Great German brass music by the Allegan Brass Collective and some friendly competition during the Stein Lifting Contest brought a taste of Oktoberfest to Tantrick Brewing Co. on Oct. 4, 2025, during Hoot n Howl weekend. Photo: G. Voss

At right: Many have heard that Marilla Griswold still resides at the Griswold Auditorium, and that ghosts of Chicago mobsters inhabit Robinson Manor, but have they glimpsed the young girl who looks out the window in the cupola at the Old Jail Museum or Louie who watches over the Regent Theater? The Ghost Tour through Allegan on Oct.4, 2025, revealed a few more secrets of the city.

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Commissioners to vote on 6.6 percent budget increase

At its semiannual nighttime meeting this Thursday, the Board of Commissioners will vote on adopting the county's

$51.7 million general fund budget. The budget calls for a 6.6 percent increase over the $48.4 million budgeted for this year. The board is also set to receive a recommendation on adding six new positions to the county's payroll. Overall, the personnel budget plans

for a 9.5 percent increase due to wage increases and staff additions approved prior to the six positions under study for recommendation. The county website has detailed information on the budget proposal.

Four people hospitalized after Valley Twp crash

Four people were taken to the hospital after the vehicle they were in crashed into a tree Thursday night in Valley Township, according to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office (ACSO).

It happened on 44th Street north of 116th Avenue just before 9 p.m., deputies said.

A dark-colored Subaru, which was carrying a total of five people at the time, was going northbound on 44th Street when it lost control and crashed into a tree, according to ACSO.

The five passengers were between the ages of 18 and 21.

Investigators said two of the four people taken to the hospital are in serious condition, whereas the fifth person was released from the scene without any serious injuries.

The sheriff's office believes that speed was a factor in the crash and will not be releasing the names of those involved while the investigation continues.

FPS student diagnosed with tuberculosis

An individual at Fennville Public Schools has been diagnosed with active tuberculosis.

The district has asked parents and students to monitor for signs of tuberculosis. If symptoms are identified, parents and students should contact their doctor, a press release from FPS said.

"We understand this news may raise concerns, but please know although active TB can be a serious disease, it is a treatable condition," the release said.

Tuberculosis is a contagious disease that can cause cough, fever, night sweats and weight loss. Not everyone infected with the bacteria causing tuberculosis shows symptoms.

Extended periods of time in enclosed spaces are required for tuberculosis to spread, the release said.

Allegan County Health Department officials informed the district of the diagnosis.

The district is working with ACHD to develop a response plan, including identifying people who were exposed to the individual for extended periods of time while they were contagious, according to a press release from FPS.

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Local pets receive St. Francis' blessing

By Gari Voss

Each year on October 4th, St. Francis of Assis is held in high esteem as the patron saint of animals. Though some might connect him to the Roman Catholic Church, he became a wonderful inspiration to protestants around the world. The day of St. Francis' death became World Animal Day.

The United Methodist Church and Good Shepherd Episcopal Church have designated the Sunday closest to October 4th as a day to gather the animals for a special blessing. On October 5, 2025, Pastor Julia Humenik, Fr. Corwin Stoppel, and Deacon Elma Rosenberg moved among the animals and their handlers on the lawn of the United Methodist Church to bless the dozens of dogs and one rather reluctant cat.

Saint Francis was more than a lover of nature and all its creatures that bless us with food, clothing, and friendship. He was a lover of peace. After a short time in the army of Count Brienne and two years as a prisoner, he went on a pilgrimage to Rome and joined the poor begging outside St. Peter's Basilica.

He returned to Umbria, England where he sought God's guidance and felt the calling to repair God's Church. This calling compelled him to rejuvenate and reform the people while caring for God's creations – the animals and environment.

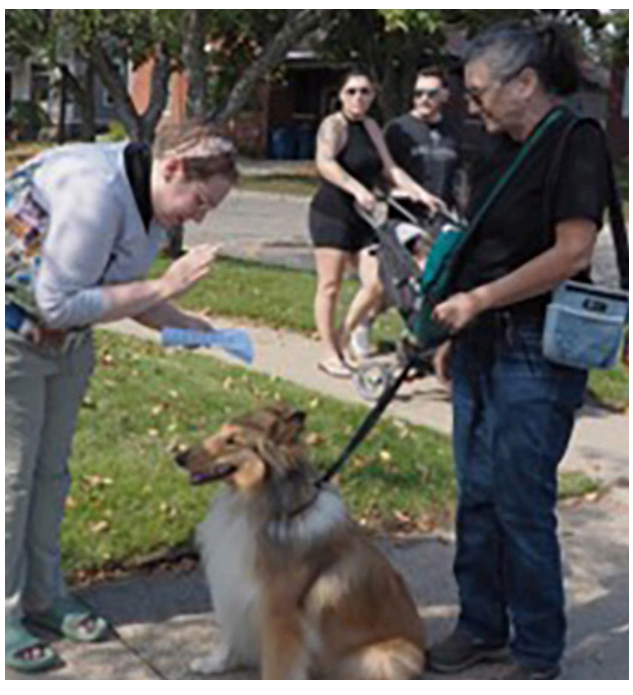
Following Jesus' commands to "leave everything and follow Me" (Luke 18:22), "Love your neighbor" (Matthew 19:1), and "Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:4), Francis did just that. He took a challenge Jesus' teachings "Blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9) and "Faith without works is dead" (James 2:26). Taking these messages to the world led him on a unique while arduous path.

Those who followed St. Francis' way of life in the world became known as Franciscans, which became an evangelistic movement. With the support of the Pope, in 1209, an order of Mendicant Friars was formed. Rather than focus on establishing a monastery and hold lands, the friars went into the world to preach and live action.

As the animals gathered around the United Methodist Church, there was a mix of small chihuahuas, beautiful collies, rescued greyhounds, short-legged corgis, mixed varieties, and even a yellow lab headed into her next chapter to become a service animal.

The opening of St. Francis' Prayer is "Make me a channel of your peace…" The closing prayer for this gathering was: "Go out into the world, love one another, cherish your animal family, protest against abuse and neglect of animals; exercise stewardship of all creation, so that all can experience God's Shalom (Peace)."

The offering given during the gathering will benefit the Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance.



The Methodist and Episcopal churches in Allegan invited all to gather on Sunday, October 5, 2025, for a Blessing of the Animals. The remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's death on October 4th has become World Animal Day to honor Francis' love of nature and the animals that bless all that is in it. Of the animals gathered, some had been rescued, some were sought strictly for companionship, some performed specific tasks, and one hopes to become a licensed service dog. All received a blessing and a thank you for the joys they bring to their human families. Photos: Jim Kauppi

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Community Events

Community Calendar - Week of October 6, 2025

EVENTS TO WATCH FOR!

Now: Register for the training to be a literacy for an adult. Oct. 14 & 16, 1-3pm at the Allegan District Library. Contact Lynn at lynn@readottawa,org or call 616 414-0295.

Soup-tober has started. Donate cans of soup to ACCF on Locust St. or another collection site. Info at https://alleganfoundation.org/

Wed., Oct. 8, 2025, 2-4pm: Traveling on a Shoestring
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 5:30-8:30pm: Sylvia's Place Fall Festival
Silo Banquet & Catering 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan

Fri., Oct. 10 – Sun., Oct. 12, 2025: Fennville Goose Festival
Downtown Fennville

Fri., Oct. 10 & Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 7pm: Escanaba in Da Moonlight
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 2-3:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan

Weekends Oct 10 – Nov. 2, 2025: My Flight Helicopter Rides, Padgham Field, contact 844-644-3541.

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Oct. 8, 2025, 1-2:30pm: Calligraphy Class Registration
Bellflower (Schoolhouse) 4700 D Ave. Kalamazoo
Register before Aug. 28 for 6 sessions – Sept. 17, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. Cost of materials is $55. For more information email Dr. Bob Hosack at rlhosack967@gmail.com or call 269 349-7980.

Wed., Oct. 8, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
2pm: Recess for Adults - Come and interact and chat with friends from the Allegan ARC.
3:30pm: Bee Curious! – Ages 6 and up can come to learn about beekeeping and its importance to Michigan.
6pm: Financial Wellness – Ashley Suarez from 5/3 Bank will lead an information session.

Wed., Oct. 8, 2025, 2-4pm: Traveling on a Shoestring
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Friends on Wednesday join On a Tour for a fun, interactive learning session on practical tips for adventure.

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 8am-2pm: Allegan Farmers Market
Water & Cutler Street Parking Lot Allegan
Be sure to get double-up bucks at City Hall, 231 Trowbridge St.

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 10:30am: Play & Learn w/ Help Me Grow
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to learn about the importance of conversation.

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 5:30pm: TAG Grant Writing Info Session
ACCF Locust St. Allegan
Learn about the 2026 TAG Grant Application Cycle. Register at grants@alleganfoundation.org or 269.673.8344

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 5:30-8:30pm: Sylvia's Place Fall Festival
Silo Banquet & Catering 1071 32nd St. (M-40) Allegan
Support the survivors of domestic violence and enjoy the hors d-oeuvres, dessert, and silent auction with a cash bar, raffles and Kitten & the Tonics. Purchase tickets by Oct. 4th at https://fundraiser.support/FallFestival2025

Thurs., Oct. 9, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

Fri., Oct. 10 – Sun., Oct. 12, 2025: Fennville Goose Festival
Downtown Fennville will be alive with a carnival, food trucks, live music, activities, and more!

Fri., Oct. 10, 2025, 6pm: Teen Tech Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Teens in grades 6-12 can experience virtual reality, explore the realm of 3-D printing, and play video games with friends at this after-hours program. Snacks will be provided. Register at 269 673-4625.

Fri., Oct. 10 & Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 7pm: Escanaba in Da Moonlight
Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Allegan Lions Club and City of Allegan joint production of Jeff Daniel's Comedy Escanaba in Da Moonlight to raise money for Lions Clubs community service projects and the Griswold Auditorium improvements. Doors open at 6:00pm. $20.00 in advance and $25.00 at the door. https://griswoldauditorium.ludus.com/index.php

Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 2-3:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Griswold Auditorium 401 Hubbard St. Allegan
Share your stories, ideas and experiences related to food whether your eat food, buy food, sell food, serve food, or grow food, join the Allegan Food Alliance with the goal of creating a vibrant, affordable, local food community across Allegan County. For information contact Mary Colborn at (269) 286-9084 or maryacolborn@gmail.com.

Sat., Oct. 11, 2025, 4-6pm: Pots n' Pints: Spooky Babydoll Planter Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co. Down Under 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Create a hanging planter using babydoll parts….because who doesn't have a box of babydoll parts laying around for the perfect craft?? All supplies included.

Sun., Oct. 12, 2025, 11:30am-9pm: Piece & Love Puzzle Swap
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Come help do a community puzzle and bring one (or more) to swap to take home!

Mon., Oct. 13, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
1pm: Craft & Snack – Bring a craft and enjoy conversation and a snack.
3:30pm: Teen Cricut Club – Students grades 6-12 can come and design a shirt in time for spooky season. Register at 269 673-4625.

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025, 9am: Coffee for Veterans
Immanuel Lutheran Church 631 Grand St. Allegan
All veterans who have served or are serving in the military forces are invited to enjoy fellowship, conversation, and some coffee and donuts. Come and bring another vet. Questions: call 269 673-3335.

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can enjoy stories & activities.
1pm: Adult Literacy Tutor Training – Get involved by attending two training sessions. Registration required at 269 673-4625.
3:30pm: Discover 4-H with MSU - 5-12 year olds can drop in to enjoy learning with a 4-H leader
6:30pm: Book Club – Join the conversation around *The Death and Life of the Great Lakes* w/ ACD.

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025, 6-8pm: Cards with Kristi
Presbyterian Church 200 Cutler St. Allegan
Friends on Wednesday invite all to create holiday cards. $10 fee. Call 269 673-4631.

Tues., Oct. 14, 2025, 6-7:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Ransom District Library 180 S. Sherwood Ave. Plainwell
Share your stories, ideas and experiences related to food whether your eat food, buy food, sell food, serve food, or grow food, join the Allegan Food Alliance with the goal of creating a vibrant, affordable, local food community across Allegan County. For information contact Mary Colborn at (269) 286-9084 or maryacolborn@gmail.com.

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Wed., Oct. 15, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Teen Cricut Club – 6-12 graders can create spooky shirts. Register at 269 673-4625.
6:30pm: Pub Quiz – Take a team to Tantrick Brewing and compete for fun.

Wed., Oct. 15, 2025: Bike Nights
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Wed., Oct. 15, 2025, 5-7pm: Multi-Chamber After Hours Networking Event
Gun Lake Casino 1123 129th Ave. Wayland
Chamber Members are invited to attend with other West MI Chambers! Must register with a participating chamber to attend- **call or email to reserve your spot!** RSVP By October 2nd. No agenda – stay ten minutes or two hours, it's up to you! Bring business cards for networking.

Wed., Oct. 15, 2025, 6:30pm: Pub Quiz Night
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan
Begin registration at 5:30pm for 4 rounds of 10 questions. Bring a team of 4-6 and a library card for extra points.

Thurs., Oct. 16, 2025: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can enjoy stories & activities
1pm: Adult Literacy Tutor Training 2 – 2nd session to become a literacy tutor. Registration required at 269 673-4626.
3:30pm: Teen Tie-Dye Club – 6-12 graders can learn to tie-dye tote bags or bandanas. Register at 269 673-4625.
6pm: Investigating the Paranormal w/Forgotten Souls – Meet the Forgotten Souls investigation team, examine ghost-hunting equipment, and check out haunting photographs. Register at 269 673-4625.

Thurs., Oct. 16, 2025, 6pm: Third Thirsty Thursday
Schaendorf Brewing Co. 420 Water St. Allegan
Drop in and network in a relaxed environment. An experience organized by the Allegan Area Chamber of Commerce and the Allegan Jaycees.

Thurs., Oct. 16, 2025, 6:30-9pm: Music Bingo Thursday
Tantrick Brewing Co Hubbard St. Allegan
No numbers, just music… Mark your card for a chance to win prizes.

Fri., Oct. 17, 2025, 10am: Sensory Play Day
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
0-7 year olds can drop in and explore the sensory bins.

Fri. Oct. 17, 2025: Advocacy Bootcamp – registration due
Allegan High School Conference Center Western Ave. (M-89/M-40) Allegan
Gain tools, strategies and confidence to advocate for your organizations. Applications are due Oct. 17th. Contact Lauren at lvanderploeg@alleganfoundation.org or (269) 673-8344 x209

Fri., Oct. 17, 2025, 10-11:30am: Aquatic Center Event
Allegan High School M-40 N Allegan
Families with children 0-5 can swim free.

Fri., Oct. 17 & Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, 7pm: Escanaba in Da Moonlight
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Sat., Oct. 18, 2025: Color Tour & Dinner
Travel with Friends on Wednesday to Glenn, MI for a color tour then the dinner at Creekside Restaurant with live music by Kevin McDaniels. $12 seniors; $14 non-seniors. Meal is extra so call for reservations, bus schedule & dinner choices. 269 673-4631.

Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, 4-6pm: Eccentric Garden Plant Workshop
Tantrick Brewing Co. 243 Hubbard St. Allegan

Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, 10am – Sun., Oct. 19, 2025, 5pm: Arts & Eats 2025
Take a free self-guided tour of art, food and farms around Southwest Michigan. Learn more and get a map at thornapplearts.org/artsandeats.

Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, 11am: No Kings Rally
Roundabout at M-89/M-40/Hubbard St.
Come and bring a sign or just join the group to express the position that the U.S. is not run by a king or a dictator.

Sat., Oct. 18, 2025, 5-7pm: Lasagna Dinner & Silent Auction
United Methodist Church 409 Trowbridge St. Allegan
Call for a reservation or just drop in for a great meal to eat in or take out.

Tues., Oct. 21, 2025, 6-7:30pm: Come to the Table sharing session
Channing Hall 790 53rd St. Pullman
Share your stories, ideas and experiences related to food whether your eat food, buy food, sell food, serve food, or grow food, join the Allegan Food Alliance with the goal of creating a vibrant, affordable, local food community across Allegan County. For information contact Mary Colborn at (269) 286-9084 or maryacolborn@gmail.com.

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Wed., Oct. 22, 2025, 4-6pm: Seed Collection with Allegan Conservation District
Bysterveld Park 4171 14th St. Dorr
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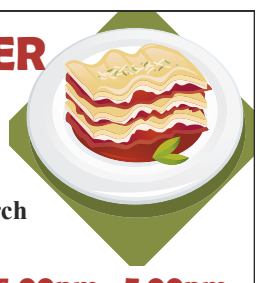
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Wed., Oct. 22, 2025, 6-8pm: Self-Hypnosis with Jeff Alisch
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ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

ASSISTANCE

Adventist Community Service Center
218 S. Farmer St. Otsego Tues. 10am-4pm; Thurs. 1-5pm
Clothes for the family and household goods are available, layettes for newborns, clothing, diapers, toys, etc. for babies to 6 mo. For emergency needs, call 269 694-4775 or Marlene 269 217-8293. This is supported by the 7th-Day Adventist Church and an ACCF TAG Grant.

Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
Food, weatherization, early childhood education.

Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Diaper Closet – monthly diaper program
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

Christian Neighbors - Food, Education, Emergency Financial Assistance
282 12th Street Plainwell MI 49080 (269) 685-4166
Monday: Drive-thru only - 10am-12pm and 4pm-6pm.
Tuesday: In person shopping/walk ins - 10am-12pm
Thursday: In person shopping/walk ins - 2pm-5pm
We have been providing services to the Plainwell, Otsego and Martin areas since 1983.

Community Clothes Closet – Free Clothing and More
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street, Allegan (269) 673-2254
Open Fridays, 10am – 1pm A wide selection of clothing for all ages is available.

Grief Support Groups
Wings of Hope invites all to a welcoming and compassionate gathering. 1st Monday of the month – 6-7:30pm, Wings of Hope Office, 530 Linn St., Allegan; 2nd Tues. of each month – 12:30-2pm, United Methodist Church, 322 Maple St., Hopkins; 3rd Monday of each month – 3-4:30pm, Ransom District Library, 189 S. Sherwood Ave., Plainwell; 4th Tues., Grief Support Luncheon, 1pm, Salvino's 1290 M89, Plainwell.

Love, Inc.
Love in the Name of Christ 4621 135th Ave. Hamilton
For assistance with food, personal care items, baby needs, household items, clothing, appliances, furniture, bicycles, laundry, showers & Life Skills Wrap Around Care, call 269 751-2533. Visit www.loveincnwa.org., email: office@loveincnwa.org.

People Helping People of Pullman
Assistance by appt. 269 236-6295

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center - Abuse Prevention and Healing
404 Sherman St., Allegan, MI 49010 www.safeharborcac.org, (269) 673-3791

St. Vincent de Paul-St. Margaret Conference - Food and More
St. Vincent de Paul 124A W. Allegan St. Otsego
Mon.: 1-3pm Tues. & Thurs: 10am to noon Wed.: 3-5pm
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Sylvia's Place - Safe from Domestic Violence
Crisis Line: 269 673-8700

United Church of Wayland - Free Clothing
1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 4 - 6pm
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

Wings of Hope Hospice & Palliative Care - End of Life Care
530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.wingsofhopehospice.com, (269) 686-8659

FOOD

Allegan Food Pantry
Church of God, 1313 Lincoln Rd., Allegan
Monday: 10 am–1pm; Tues.: 2–7pm; Fri. 1-4pm Curbside Service
Contact: Phone: 269 686-6369
Deliveries are made to homebound senior citizens.

Christian Neighbors, SE
282 12th St. Plainwell 269 685-4166

Christian Neighbors, Wayland
122 Church St. Wayland 269 792-2870

Congregational Kitchen - Thursday Dinner Pickup
Congregational Church 325 Cutler Street Allegan
Call (269) 673-3139 after 3pm any Thursday and place an order.
Thursdays: Pick up 3 to 5:30 pm. Takeout dinners only during COVID-19

Epiphany Lutheran Church
4219 Park Land Dorr 616 681-0791

Food Truck - 3rd Friday of each month, 4:30 - 5:30pm
United Church of Wayland
411 E Superior St. in Wayland

The Hands of Grace Food Pantry
United Methodist Church, 409 Trowbridge St., Allegan 269 673-4236
Tuesday: 9-11:45 a.m.; Wednesday: 9-11:45 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.; Friday: 10-11:45 a.m.
Food Pantry serves FOOD to residents of Allegan 49010 w/valid ID with current address ONLY.

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 Maple St. Hopkins
269 793-7340

Hungry for Christ
4565 135th Ave. Hamilton, 269 264-1307 x1000

Ladders of Hope USA - Food Assistance
717 East Main St, Fennville, MI 49408, www.laddersofhopemi.org., 269-686-6456

Martin Area Resource Center
1445 10th St, Martin (269) 672-5605
No appointment needed. Pick up by one person per household.

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St. Martin 269 672-7097

Mobile Food Pantry, 2nd Monday of the Month: Drive Thru Food Distribution
Casco United Methodist Church 880 66th ST, South Haven MI 49090
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616 681-4673 appt. only

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Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard Street, lower level Allegan (269) 673-4625

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Allegan County Historical Society, Old Jail Museum.
Fridays & Saturdays, 10 am – 4 pm, (269) 673-8292. Call to confirm hours or arrange for a private tour.
Email: oldjailmuseum06@yahoo.com Webpage: www.alleganoldjail.com

Bear & Fox Yarn Den
Bear & Fox 141 Brady St. Allegan
Tues. 2-8pm; Wed.-Sat. 11am-5pm; Sun.-Mon closed
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Children's Book Box – Immanuel Lutheran Church
Lutheran Church 631 Grand Street Allegan
Children can find free books in the Book Box constructed by the Sunday School Youth. Check it out.

Iron Bridge Quilters - Thursdays, 10am-2pm
Blessed Sacrament Church 110 Cedar St. Allegan
All ages and levels of expertise are welcome. Create a piece for yourself, for a friend or for a charity. Contact Claudia at acrasmussen5@gmail.com or (269) 673-4579 for more information.

Rivertown Fitness for All Ages and Families
Rivertown Gym & Fitness, 739 Airway Dr. Allegan. Check on the Core and More class. Call Todd at 269 686-7900 or email rivertowngym@gmail.com for additional information.

Scouting: Allegan has a variety of scouting opportunities. Each group is meeting in different ways to stay safe.
Cub Scout Pack 3026: Grades K-5. Call Cub Master Ron Gunter ron.f.gunter@gmail.com
Boy Scouts BSA 91 (boys 11-17 yrs.): Contact Scout Master Rob Keen 269 568-0435, eckeen1112@gmail.com
Girls Troop BSA 191 (girls 11-17): Contact Sara Keen sarajkeen@gmail.com.

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I dare you to put down that cellphone and pay a visit

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Interaction with other people is critical to our mental health. The texting, phone calling crowd must put down their cellphones occasionally and actually visit friends and families. Unfortunately, this is not happening enough and so many problems are caused because they are not.

I put partial blame on the cellphone and internet. Although considered two of the greatest inventions ever, most all of us spend more time on a cellphone than we ever dreamed of doing. It is addicting and has changed the way we communicate. However, man cannot live by phone alone. There has to be more to life than a cellphone, tablet or computer. There is a world out there. There are people who live in the world who are just like you. They crave connections and relationships. Most are finding them on their cellphones through social media or various Internet sites.

The sad reality of this is that people aren't really connecting to other people. Cellphone or social media communication is typically very surface communication. I am guilty of one word, or one sentence responses. We aren't really sharing that much about ourselves nor understanding that much about what others are doing or going through. Usually, we have perceptions that are not completely accurate.

Interpersonal communication is critical to the mental and spiritual health of our planet. We need communication and real in-person talking. Telephone conversations are critical but personal visits, when possible, are even better.

Just take a look at our current political climate. Do Republicans and Democrats ever sit down together to discuss their differences amiably. This occurred more frequently before the widespread use of cellphones and social media, but it is now uncommon. Do you think all the social media exchanges, excusing one another of improprieties, is healthy for any of us? Of course not.

Family gatherings are critical. People need to feel connected to family. Your family may be small, but you need each other, and love must always be the priority. How many terrorist shooters might have been saved from their heinous acts if family and possibly a couple of friends could have had real connections to those people? My guess is many.

As parents, we often back off too much. We give too much freedom and too much space. We need to stay right in the middle of our children's lives as much as we possibly can. This means keeping the conversations going. We must continue to care about what they are doing, where they are going and what is going on in their lives. This becomes very difficult as children grow up and don't want their parents in their business, but we must be diligent.

Keep in mind that you are still a mom or a dad. You can't treat your 21-year-old like they are ten, but you can keep reaching out, expressing love, giving encouragement and embracing them emotionally. Of course, even then, some children grow up to choose destructive lifestyles or make horrific life decisions. People have minds of their own. Yet, if parents and family members keep reaching out to each other it might just be enough to keep a loved one on a good path and living a good life.

Please join me in reaching out more by person versus cellphone or email. I've been a miserable failure at this. The cellphone has become my best friend. I know this is true for many of you. Let's put it aside and pay a visit to that lonely friend or relative or actually have a conversation with our daughter or son. I'm going to try. Hopefully you will too.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

By G.C. Stoppel

About the time Pat and I married, new neighbors moved next to our home, and in no time Pat and Sylvia became close friends.

Pat had worked in the fur department at Marshall Field's in Chicago. Sylvia was across the street at Carson, Pirie and Scott as head buyer for women's fashions.

Now the challenge was that Sylvia and Scott had always lived in high-rise apartments in Chicago, and this was the first time they lived in a home.

When time came for their lawn to be mowed, Scott was busy watching the Cubs, so when I saw Sylvia struggling to start the mower, I walked over to their house. She was a bit miffed and accused me of not having any faith in her because she was a woman from the city.

She dutifully checked the oil several times, put in the gas and pulled on the cord. Eventually the engine coughed and began to purr like a good Briggs and Stratton should. With that, she stuck out her tongue and said, "Oh ye of little faith."

About an hour later, exhausted, she came to our front door and asked me to look at the lawn, lamenting, "It isn't a bit shorter than when I started." I walked over, turned the lawn mower on its side and said that she needed a blade, adding, "All the faith in the world won't cut the grass without a blade."

It made me wonder why Mother wore what the women of her church circle called a faith necklace: a glass or acrylic ball with a mustard seed in the middle. It was a reminder that if they just had faith they could move mountains. Or mow the lawn without a blade.

But faith doesn't work that way. It is not some sort of magic, or rituals, sacrifices and muttering secret words to accomplish something.

How many times have we been like the disciples, asking, even demanding that Jesus and God increase our faith. We think if They would do that, we could deal with this serious challenge. If we had an extra dollop of faith, we could face that troublesome person, health problems or anything else. We don't have enough faith; give us a second big helping, please.

But that's not how it works either.

During the 1930s Dust Bowl, folks in Oklahoma were in rough straits. The nation had slid into the Great Depression and now, to make matters worse, there was a drought and strong winds.

The folks, at least those who had not gone to California, in one rural town decided to forget denominational barriers and have a united prayer service to ask God to please send rain. They gathered, the area clergy took turns preaching, leading singing, stomping, shouting and praying. And nothing happened..

Then one of them spotted a small boy holding an umbrella. Of all the people there that night, he was the only one who put faith into action. If the olds were going to pray for rain, he was going to be prepared.

The boy understood: Faith also requires action.

Because Good Shepherd Church in Allegan is close to the library, sometimes I see families crossing the street to get to the building. Sometimes it is a parent, but far more often a child who reaches up to hold hands with someone they trust.

The street is empty of cars and danger minimal, but they still reach up to take their parent's hand.

This handholding isn't some talisman or magic. It is faith. Mother or father will protect me and I will get safely to the other sidewalk. That is faith in action.

Pat and I went with friends to Prague a few years ago. It was a big, rowdy city, almost always filled with young men from England known as lager louts who come over on cheap air flights for a naughty weekend.

I don't do well with big crowds for long. A friend called and told Pat when you get there and you're in a crowd, or crossing St Charles Bridge, take his arm. It will ground him.

Pat did and it worked quite well. I admit I enjoyed having a beautiful woman on my arm, but just that light touch was enough to keep me in one piece. Nothing magical, no placebo effect, just faith.

To grow in faith requires three related attributes. The first is creativity. Before the hand can make anything, the mind must see it.

Philosopher Napoleon Hill wrote"What the mind of man can conceive and believe, the hand of man can achieve." Creativity is the first step, but everything fails if it is all in the brain heart.

The second attribute is motivation. What motivates you to do anything? Figure it out. Is it a story that you want to create and share with others? Is it making money? Power? The desire to live up to your potential? Decide for yourself.

The third is self-discipline to get started and do the thing, consistently and to the best of your ability.

Years ago Dick Cavett was interviewing Sylvia Beach, the American-born owner of the Shakespeare and Co. bookstore in Paris in the years between the first and second world war.

They talked about the well-known writers and artists, but then when Cavett asked if there were others, this little bird of a woman answered, "Oh yes, but they never did anything. They talked about painting or writing, but all they did was drink wine and talk. They never did anything."

During World War II, Chinese American woman, Hazel Ying Lee trained to be a WASP — an Air Force Auxiliary whose job it was to fly everything from lightweight trainers to fighter planes to heavy bombers from the factor to the air bases in the States.

One day she was ferrying a Mosquito fighter when it developed engine trouble over Kansas and she had to land in a farm field. It wasn't long before the locals came up to help.

That is, until she took off her flying helmet and they took one look at her, convinced that the Japanese had invaded beautiful downtown Kansas. The farmers grabbed their pitchforks, crow bars, ax handles and anything they could find to make sure she did not escape or signal others. But she stayed calm, explained she was helping the American war effort and was not an enemy.

Again, that is faith in action, faith in herself and in her fellow countrymen. And it worked.

Jesus said I have come so that you might have life abundantly. Faith put into action is how we thank and honor Him as we live abundantly and joyously. The equation is simple: If you have faith in someone or something, take action.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Don't blame Dems for government shutdown

To the Editor:

We wish to congratulate Congressman Huizenga on receiving another all expense taxpayer paid vacation from his grueling duties in the militarized capital of the free world. Clearly it's been difficult for him and his Republican colleagues to avoid governing this nation in a bipartisan manner. That's assuming they take governing seriously. Judging from Mr. Huizenga's actions to date, he hasn't used any of his Article One responsibilities to place checks and balances on either of the other two branches of our government. What it looks like from Michigan's CD 4 is that Mr. Huizenga and his fellow Republican congressmen faxed Article One to the current occupant of our White House, then left town to spend their new free time vacationing and/or buttonholing wealthy donors to help with their next campaigns. One would think they could spend that extra time with us common folk, explaining how it's to our benefit to give trillions of dollars of tax breaks to billionaires while every day costs for the rest of us skyrocket.

This long time married couple just received notice from our health insurance company about changes for 2026. Due to Mr. Huizenga's unflagging efforts to defund the healthcare system for regular Americans, we are now facing increased costs for premiums, co-pays and deductibles. Our insurance company also will be offering fewer benefits. Millions of American citizens who depend on Medicaid or get insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace are also facing steep increases. Health care was gutted by the Big Ugly Bill which Mr. Huizenga proudly supports. Republicans are trying to frame the bill by giving it an appealing name. You've heard the saying about pigs and lipstick? "Big Ugly Bill" works for us.

Now, Mr. Huizenga and his fellow congress critters shut down the government, a typical Republican tactic, to coerce Democrats to rubber-stamp a budget resolution they had no hand in creating. This Continuing Resolution (CR) was created by Republicans without any bi-partisan input and is making healthcare, among other things, unaffordable. How does Mr. Huizenga think increasing healthcare costs is going to play out among regular taxpaying American citizens? Republican lawmakers are defunding healthcare for us while they have excellent, tax payer subsidized healthcare for themselves. Does he even care?

Americans are paying more for groceries, cars, medicine, furniture and things needed for everyday life because of the Trump Tax (tariffs) and inflation. Now, Mr. Huizenga wants Democrats to give Trump and congress cover for destroying the nation's health system. Sorta like a mass murderer handing his weapon to a survivor then skedaddling to a country with no extradition treaty. Republicans control Congress and the Executive branch. Mr. Huizenga is on board with keeping the federal government closed unless Democrats allow this Trump controlled Congress to increase our health care premiums and kick millions off Medicaid. Blaming Democrats for shutting down the government really shows how incompetent Republicans are at governing this nation. Mr. Huizenga, have you no shame?

William and Mary Jones

Hopkins Township

128 S. Franklin St. Hopkins, MI 49328
Planning Commission
Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Hopkins Township Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting and Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. at Hopkins Township Hall, 128 South Franklin, Hopkins MI, 49328.

The following items will be heard, considered, and possibly have action taken upon them:

1. An application for amendment to special use permit from Brad Bliek, owner of 2667 20th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-10-028-013-20, for a previously approved Type B Home Occupation to manufacture alternative fuel products.
2. An application from Ethan Dykstra, owner of 3364 13th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-10-012-012-14, to rezone said property from the R-1 Rural Estate District to the R-1A Intermediate Estate District. The property is legally described as follows: COM N 1/4 COR TH S 01DEG 04'31" W 906.65' TO POB; TH CONT S 01DEG 04'31" W 417.9'; TH N 88DEG 37'21" W 1354.24'; TH N 00DEG 50'42" E 417.91'; TH S 88DEG 37'21" E 1355.92' TO POB SEC 12 T3N R12W
3. Any other such items as come properly before the Planning Commission.

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A copy of items summarized herein are available for viewing online at www.hopkinstownship.org.

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Obituaries

Joseph Marion Meade, 83

Joseph Marion Meade, 83, of Allegan, MI passed away Monday, September 29, 2025, at his home surrounded by his family. Born May 23, 1942, in Allegan, he was the son of the late Clyde William and Bertha Anna (Canfield) Meade and was the husband of Cheryl Ann (Grinnell) Meade. Joseph was a member of Faith Baptist Church. He was an employed by Rockwell International, then worked in the sales and service departments at different car dealerships for a number of years before ultimately starting his own snow plowing business. Joseph was very family oriented. He hated conflict and loved to spoil his wife and their two daughters. In their younger years, the family was very involved with the 4H club raising horses and participating in parades. Joseph's passion

Joseph Marion Meade

was working with cars; he especially loved doing the bodywork and painting. He also really enjoyed the thrill of buying and selling and traveling to Tennessee with Cheryl to hunt for deals.

In addition to Cheryl, Joseph's wife of sixty-three years, he is survived by his daughters, Raylene (Brian) Prymula and Shelly (Leroy) Grauman; granddaughter, Jessica (Jamie) List; step-grandchildren, Tim Grauman and Kelly (Bob) Miklusicak; great-grandson, Austin List; and sister, Lucy Steinburg. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his granddaughter, Courtney Grauman; and eleven brothers and sisters.

The family will receive friends at Faith Baptist Church located at 2846 125th Avenue, Allegan, MI 49010, on Friday, October 3, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and a funeral service will begin at 11:00 AM. Joseph will be laid to rest privately in Hudson Corners Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wings of Hope Hospice, 530 Linn Street, Allegan, MI 49010.

Florentino Ernest Charo, 63

Kalamazoo, Michigan — With heavy hearts, the family of Florentino Ernest Charo announces his passing on October 2, 2025, in Kalamazoo, Michigan, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He was born on September 27, 1962, in Waukesha, Wisconsin, and grew up in Bay City, Michigan, where he formed the strong family bonds and lifelong friendships that remained central throughout his life.

Florentino was the proud father of Florentino Jr., Vicente, Juan, and Allegra, and a deeply loving grandfather to Kaia, who was his greatest joy. His children and granddaughter were his heart, and he dedicated his life to being a source of love, guidance, and strength for them.

He is also survived by his siblings: Mikey, Danny (Lori), Rose (Derrick), and Teresa (John), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and

Florentino Ernest Charo

friends who will carry his memory forward. Florentino was preceded in death by his father Refugio Charo, his mother Florentina Charo, his brother Rey Charo, and his nephew Hollywood Charo.

Florentino's life was enriched by the things he loved. He enjoyed singing, cooking, and spending time with family, and he had a passion for old cars, rebuilding them with care, riding motorcycles, and watching football with his family. Above all, he treasured time with his granddaughter Kaia, who brought light and laughter to his days.

He will be remembered as a man of warmth, humor, and generosity — someone who lived with resilience, gave freely of himself, and always made those around him feel welcome.

In accordance with Florentino's wishes, no formal service will be held. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly asks that donations be made to the local animal shelter, a cause that reflects his love for kindness and care.

Though his time with us was far too brief, Florentino leaves behind a legacy of love and strength that will live on in the hearts of his family and friends forever.

Family seeks donations after father loses life in car crash

22-year-old Austin Kasinger of Hamilton tragically lost his life in a car accident in Allegan County's Overisel Township last week. Austin was a devoted father to his 4-year-old son, a loving boyfriend to Anastasia, and a friend remembered for his humor, hard work, and kindness. With Anastasia at home full-time raising their son, the family now faces heartbreaking loss alongside financial strain.

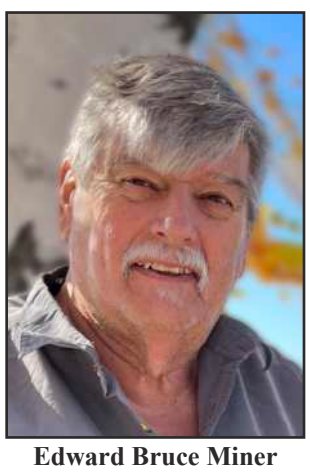
They have set up a Go Fund Me page and are asking donations from those that can help.

Edward "Ed" Bruce Miner, 76

Edward "Ed" Bruce Miner, age 76, went to be with his Lord and Savior October 4, 2025. He is now pain free and resting in the arms of Jesus.

Ed was born January 10, 1949, in Plainwell, Michigan, to Edward and Bertha (Standish) Miner. On October 21, 1967, he married the love of his life, Diana (nee Fair). They shared 57 wonderful years together filled with love. Ed was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who cherished his family deeply. He found great joy in the simple things—spending time outdoors, fishing, hunting, and gardening.

He is survived by his loving wife, Diana; children Edward B. Miner Jr. and Sonya (Tom) Elliott; grandchildren Samantha (Michael) Veenstra and Jennifer (Cody) Williams; great-granddaughter, Scarlett; and a great-grandson on the way. He is also survived by his brother, Dennis (Roxie) Miner and sister-in-law, Audrey Miner; uncle, Bob (Sue) Standish; and many sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. Ed was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Kenneth Miner.



Edward Bruce Miner

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Kubiak-Cook Funeral Services (Wayland Chapel), 312 N. Main St., Wayland, MI 49348. A funeral service celebrating Ed's life will be held 11 a.m. Friday, October 10, 2025 at Kubiak-Cook Funeral Services (Wayland Chapel), with visitation one hour prior to the service. In memory of Ed and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wayland Area Emergency Medical Service or a charity of one's choosing.

Ed's unwavering love and support for his family was known by everyone. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered. The family welcomes memories and messages at www.kubiakcookwayland.com in Ed's online guestbook.

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Worming Conference, Oct 18 at Glenn Community Center

By G C Stoppel

Jill Woods of Fennville will be offering area residents an opportunity to explore vermiculture at the Glenn Community Center on Saturday, October 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM

Vermiculture is defined as the raising, keeping, and cultivation of worms. More specifically, it is the cultivation of red worms for composting, and blood worms for fish bait. Wood's seminary is primarily about red worms.

She has been experimenting with and practicing vermiculture for the past several decades, but her interest and work intensified last year when she joined an online group, Captain Matt's Worm People. Working with others and sharing experiences, has been beneficial as she moves from being a hobbyist into establishing her own business of selling worms for composting and worm castings for fertilizer. Casting is the formal way of writing "worm poop" - one of the richest natural fertilizer available.

Woods spends much of her time at her farm, The Bin, in rural Fennville. While her worms are busy eating, breeding, and casting, she also works as an artist, creating beautiful items out of willow and other natural resources on her land.

The Worm Conference on October 18th, is open to the public. The workshops are in the morning. It is a chance to learn how to more effectively recycle your food scraps/waste, raise and breed red worms, and add extra nutrients to your garden while protecting the environment. In the afternoon there will be free demonstrations.

Pre-registration is requested. Please contact Woods at wormpeoplemi@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Valley Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing and regular meeting on, Monday October 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley Township Hall, 2054 M-40 Hwy, Allegan, Michigan.

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2. Any other business that may come before the commission

Written documents may be submitted to the Zoning Administrator at 111 Grand Street, Allegan 49010, mtsallegan@frontier.com up to the date of the hearing and may also be submitted at the hearing.

Anyone interested in reviewing the application may examine a copy at Michigan Township Services 111 Grand Street Allegan MI 49010; call 1-800-626-5964, email mtsallegan@frontier.com during normal business hours.

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Antkoviak returns to the Child Advocacy Centers of Michigan Board

By Gari Voss

The Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) announced that Executive Director Lori Antkoviak, JD, was voted by her fellow children's advocacy center directors to represent them on the Children's Advocacy Centers of Michigan (CACMI) Board of Directors. Her three-year term began September 19, 2025, and she was assigned to the Governance Committee.

Antkoviak is no stranger to the CACMI. From 2008 to 2016, she served as secretary, and from 2013 to 2016, held the Board Chair position. An important element of this term is not only that her peers asked her to serve, but she will be a member of the Governance Committee.

"Lori demonstrates keen navigation skills while she guides our local community through the many facets and challenges within children's advocacy," said Safe Harbor's Board Chair Erin Bonovetz. "As she continues to serve our three counties in West Michigan, we are excited to see her bring her passion and professionalism to the state level and to help elevate the voices for our state's children who are victims of abuse and neglect."

CACMI serves as the statewide coordinating agency for the 40 children

Lori Antkoviak. Photo courtesy of Safe Harbor CAC.

advocacy centers across Michigan. Therefore, CACMI forms a cohesive network dedicated to providing compassionate, coordinated care for every child in Michigan who experiences abuse. The Board's role is to empower local CACs by providing essential support and resources which enhance their effectiveness and reach, including training, technical assistance, operational support, resource development, and policy & funding advocacy.

Though she has not been on the Board of Directors for several years, Antkoviak anticipates continuing her work with the CACMI Board alongside her fellow children's advocacy experts.

"I look forward to serving on the CACMI Board to create statewide advocacy and to ensure that local CACs are given support by the state," said Antkoviak. "I am honored to serve all of Michigan's children, so that we may provide a lifeline to the victims of abuse and neglect."

Since 2007, Antkoviak has been executive director of Safe Harbor CAC. Initially, the Allegan center was her sole responsibility. In 2013, the Barry Satellite office opened in Hastings to respond to abuse and neglect requests. When it became apparent that Van Buren County required the services of a CAC office, Antkoviak and her team tackled establishing an office in Hartford.

As if three offices were not enough to manage, Antkoviak and her board began a capital building project that moved the Allegan operation from its former location on Trowbridge Street in Allegan to a modern facility on Sherman Street. This required beginning from the ground up and now provides a modern environment with spaces that facility comfortable interactions with children.

Antkoviak's work as a lawyer handling child abuse and neglect, family law, and criminal cases, and her CAC experience in meeting the extensive needs of children who have faced the trauma of abuse and neglect make her an excellent representative of the CAC centers across Michigan. Creating the facility in Allegan demonstrates her desire to provide all-in-one centers that can coordinate forensic interviewing and follow-up by a multidisciplinary team of professionals who range from law enforcement to physicians to mental health clinicians for the children and their families who have experienced trauma.

The CACMI Governance Committee responsibilities will utilize all of Antkoviak's knowledge and skills. This Committee of CACMI upholds the organization's mission, vision and values. By providing strategic advice to centers, it oversees financial management and long-term planning. In addition, the Committee ensures compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Most importantly, Committee members engage with center stakeholders and represent the CAC organization in the community.

As Antkoviak steps back onto the CACMI Board, she will continue her work with Safe Harbor in Allegan, Barry, and Van Buren Counties and her involvement within the Southwest Michigan community while continuing to sit on the Beacon Health Allegan Foundation Committee.

Broadband expands to 7300 homes in county

By John Raffel
Correspondent

According to data published on the Allegan County website, the broadband expansion funded by federal ARPA grants has made

internet access available to 7,274 residents not previously able to connect to a provider. 123Net, the county's contractor for much of the expansion effort, has installed 934 miles of fiber optic cable, which is 88.9% of the mileage the company plans to install. 123Net divided the county into twelve project zones at the start of the project.

"To date eight of the 12 zones are completed," former county commissioner Jim Storey reported. "The ARPA funds are used to make available 11,000 addresses, but they were not enough to do all the unserved areas of the county. The Michigan high speed internet office approved BEAD grants for another 2220 addresses in the county which will be split among 123Net and other providers. County leadership has decided to disband the broadband action workgroup that was convened to jump- start the internet program when ARPA funds were allocated.

The official termination is scheduled for Thursday night's Board of Commissioners meeting.

Lions Club reprising Jeff Daniels' play

The Allegan Lions Club in conjunction with the Griswold Auditorium are reprising the production of Jeff Daniels' Escanaba In Da Moonlight on October 10, 11, 17 and 18th at the beautiful Griswold Auditorium at 7:00 pm with doors opening at 6:00 pm. Tickets are $20.00 in advance at https://griswoldauditorium.ludus.com or Allegan City Hall and $25.00 at the door. All proceeds will be utilized by the Allegan Lions Club for their community service projects and the Griswold Auditorium for necessary maintenance and improvements to this community jewel.

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Senate candidate holds town hall in Allegan

By Gari Voss

Mallory McMorrow began an extremely busy Saturday, October 4, 2025, conversing with residents of Allegan and the surrounding area. Taking up the challenge to gain support to replace Gary Peters for the Michigan U.S. Senate, McMorrow wants to understand the needs and wants of all Michigan residents from the rural areas to the larger cities and the many burgs in between.

The decision to enter the political arena stemmed from a middle school incident after the 2016 election.

"The 2016 election divided neighbors even in Royal Oak, and it felt like people couldn't talk to each other anymore," remembers McMorrow. "A video went viral of middle school students in their lunchroom slamming their fists on the table and chanting, 'Build that wall!' at one of their classmates. This was Royal Oak Middle School which had been my polling place. I looked at what had happened and thought that this is so broken that we demonize each other. I wanted to do something about it."

In 2018, McMorrow ran successfully for the Michigan Senate against incumbent Marty Knollenberg. This required learning how to work with the people in her district in order to move into the Michigan Senate. At the time, the Senate was controlled by Republicans and movement to pass legislation was difficult.

This led McMorrow to create a PAC that could assist other candidates around Michigan to win their races for the State Legislature. The efforts led to the Democrats creating a trifecta which meant a Democrat majority in the House and Senate with a Democrat governor. During those few years, McMorrow was proud to share some of the legislation that passed.

McMorrow ticked off some of the gains for Michigan residents, "We were able to repeal the senior pension tax, expand the earned income tax credit, pass real gun violence prevention laws, pass Filter First legislation that makes sure children never drink lead-tainted water at school, expand housing supplements whether for new builds or rehabs by partnering with MSHDA [the MI State Housing Development Authority], and expand voting rights and civil rights."

Currently, McMorrow realizes that the state government and the people of Michigan are at the whim of what comes from the federal level. But she is working proactively to keep Michigan businesses from dissolving because of outside forces.

"I am the Senate Majority Whip and chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee," explained McMorrow. "Something extremely important to my work is diversifying the state's economy so we rely less on corporate tax incentives for large scale manufacturing projects, and more on diversifying and regionalizing economic development by investing more into small businesses, entrepreneurs and startups while tying into universities."

This has led McMorrow to work with John Damoose from the Upper Peninsula to introduce legislation that will benefit Michigan economy. Again, McMorrow and her team when to the stakeholders – businesses, community members, economic leaders, local governments, educators, startups, and others. What they found was that "while Michigan is full of innovative people, the state lacks coordination, shared vision, and accessible resources compared to peer states with comprehensive, long-term economic development strategies."

Based on roundtable discussions, Senators McMorrow and Damoose introduced Senate Bills 213 and 214. The bipartisan legislation compelled the state to create a 10-year economic development strategic plan. The plan would be developed by a board of voting and non-voting members, including state agencies, regional economic development organizations, industry leaders, and national experts. The goal was to complete the strategic plan by September 2025, that provided a comprehensive, long-term vision and approach to positioning Michigan for sustained, inclusive economic growth.

As McMorrow travels around Michigan holding "Town Hall" meetings like the one at Mugshots in Allegan, she listens. What she has learned is that people in Michigan's small towns, rural and agricultural areas feel left out. An example of the frustration came during a meeting with dairy farmers. Some wanted to turn a portion of their acreage into solar fields. The solar could assist them financially and keep their dairy operations afloat. But, with the new federal administration taking away solar funding, the farmers no longer have the opportunity to decide how they can utilize their land and keep their businesses solvent as costs rise. If the cost of milk rises, there is a tipping point for consumers… When the price of milk gets too high, customers stop buying, and farmers go deeper in debt.

Along with listening, McMorrow takes some talking points. "There is a new American dream. I graduated right into the recession. I had a great internship in 2007, but even with a degree, I did not have a place to live, no health benefits because the Affordable Care Act was not yet in existence, and I applied for more than 300 jobs before finding some traction."

Today, people are sharing, "I've done everything right, and I am still behind."

"Residents across the state are expressing their fears," Morrow explained. "The current president tapped into some of those frustrations when he ran for office and made promises, but what he is doing is not solving the problems. The situation is getting worse, whether from tariffs, or ICE agents invading communities, or him giving $20 billion to Argentina to help their economy when at the same time, he is promoting slashing Medicaid and Medicare and the Affordable Care Act subsidies. People are hurting."

On the positive side McMorrow could confidently state, "I am the only candidate in the race who has beat a Republican incumbent and flipped an entire chamber for the first time. Now as the Senate majority whip, my job is to bring the entire Democratic party together in my caucus and move forward on policy. That is what I want to bring to Washington."

Reflecting on her visit to Allegan, McMorrow listed some takeaways. "People are looking for a way out. We have been walking on eggshells, and people are really scared about what they are seeing from the Trump administration defying the Supreme Court and tearing down institutions, like closing the Department of Education. They are seeing funding cuts for research related to Alzheimer's, cancer, and infectious diseases. A lot of the conversation was around how to get out of this, and how we can bring people back to a democracy."

McMorrow found the 75+ people gathered at Mugshots to be very engaging. "They took the conversation back to a discussion on the cost of living. McMorrow believes that this is what people see and feel every day in their lives. Conversations must begin there. Those talking points on the basic building blocks of life often move into how to protect civil rights and our institutions. But if people can't afford food, the other things feel too big."

After Allegan, McMorrow traveled to Grand Haven before moving on to Grand Rapids and concluding her day at the Best of the West Gala. At this time, she is anticipating an extremely busy two years which she hopes will move into six more in the U.S. Senate.

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OPS adds StoryWalk to Washington St. Elementary

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new StoryWalk at Otsego's Washington Street Elementary School took place last month. Kindergarten students from the school were in attendance for the ceremony and got to walk around the playground reading the story that was housed on posts throughout. (Photos provided)

Ready, set, read!

That was chant Otsego Public School elementary literacy coach Gina Watson led for kindergartners at Washington Street Elementary during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the school's new StoryWalk.

All three of OPS elementary buildings now have a StoryWalk on the playground, as Alamo had one installed in June 2023 and Dix Street had one installed June 2024.

"The third StoryWalk felt like the perfect completion of a vision I set out to accomplish," Watson said.

The StoryWalk features a series of posts set up around the playground at Washington Street, with each post housing two pages from a children's book that has been taken apart. Students can walk from post to post, reading the story as they go.

The posts are designed to withstand the various kinds of weather seen in Michigan, including rain, snow, wind and sun.

"The response to the StoryWalks at the other schools has been wonderful," Watson said. "Students are always eager to discover which new book has been added.

"We have offered family nights and opportunities for the community to enjoy the StoryWalk. Staff and students have contributed by recommending books they'd like to see featured. I have enjoyed watching it become a shared community project."

The StoryWalk at Washington Street, as well as those at Alamo and Dix Street, were made possible through funding provided by the Otsego School Foundation. Students at the Allegan Area Technical and Education Center build and installed the posts.

"Thanks to the Otsego School Foundation and the Allegan Area Tech Center welding and building trades classes," Watson said. "It was so exciting to see it come full circle—to bring stories and nature together on all three elementary playgrounds.

"Students, staff, and families across our schools can engage in stories while enjoying the outdoors."

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Washington Street principal Jennifer Knight led the kindergartners in a pledge to take care of and fully enjoy the books in this new ready adventure.

"The StoryWalks move literacy outside of our classroom walls," Watson said. "They give students the chance to enjoy a great book while also moving their bodies and spending time in nature.

"It's a simple way to weave together physical activity, fresh air, and the joy of reading. This is a great way to encourage a healthy mindset."

Watson said students at Alamo and Dix Street have mentioned how much they enjoy reading the books with their classrooms and older reading buddies at the school.

"One question that came up was how often the books would be changed," Watson said. "Our goal is to update them once a season to promote and enjoy the four seasons of Michigan."

And speaking of changing out the book, Watson said she's can always use help in that regard.

"I am always looking for helpful volunteers willing to help with creating StoryWalk books and also maintaining the StoryWalks by changing the stories out," she said.

If you're interested in volunteering with the StoryWalks in some way, contact Watson at gwatson@otsegops.org.

Plainwell Community Schools celebrates homecoming with parade

Plainwell Community Schools prepared for its homecoming football game against Edwardsburg on Friday, Oct. 3, at Streidl Field with its annual homecoming parade.

The parade, as usual, took place during school hours so students from the various schools could be in attendance.

The game didn't go exactly how the Trojan faithful were hoping it would, as Edwardsburg won by a final score of 31-14.

But Plainwell students had plenty of fun leading up the game, with a variety of theme days and activities such as the powder puff football games.

OHS band takes top honors

The Otsego High School band had quite the successful visit to Hastings on Saturday, Oct. 4, for the Hasting Band Invitational.

Otsego took home first Class B with a 95.5, tying a school record. OHS also earned honors for best marching, percussion, musical performance and drum majors.

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Bulldogs edge out Trojans to win conference crown

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

THREE RIVERS—Given its performance during the regular season, the Otsego girls golf team entered the Wolverine Conference Championship at Pineview Golf Course on Wednesday, Oct. 1, as the team to beat.

The Bulldogs didn't disappoint.

Led by medalist Annika Quakenbush, Otsego put together a school-record 18-hole total of 352 to edge out Plainwell (359) for the championship.

Vicksburg was third at 385, followed by Sturgis (396), Paw Paw (402), Edwardsburg (408), Niles (430) and Three Rivers (434).

The league title was the second straight and third in program history for Otsego.

"The championship represents the reward for all the hard work and dedication our team put in during the offseason," Otsego coach Michael Miller said. "What stood out most to me was the way we finished. Several of our girls closed out their rounds with confidence and limited mistakes, allowing us to pull away from an outstanding Plainwell team over the final few holes."

Quakenbush shot a 78, giving her a one-stroke win over Plainwell's Ayla Jaeger. Jaeger did receive a nice consolation prize, however, as she received the Outstanding Golfer Award by virtue of having the lowest season average in league competition.

Avery Selent (third at 86) and Malania Miller (tied for eighth at 90) joined Quakenbush in the top 10 for Otsego. Both also joined Quakenbush in earning All-Conference honors.

Madden Fitzpatrick (16th at 98) rounded out the scoring golfers for the Bulldogs, while Alissa Holmes (18th at 100) and Channing Dobbs (34th at 112) also competed. Holmes received All-Conference Honorable Mention based on her performance throughout the season.

For Plainwell, Sophia Beck (10th at 92), Sam Labonte (11th at 93) and Addison Lyke (12th at 95) followed Jaeger as scoring golfers. Emma Rayman (14th at 96) and Harper Johnson (26th at 104) also completed.

Beck and Rayman earned All-Conference, with Johnson, and Lyke receiving All-Conference Honorable Mention.

"Throughout the season, the Bulldogs and Trojans battled in highly competitive matches, showcasing the strength of both programs," Miller said.

Otsego was slated to compete in a Division 3 regional at Forest Hills Akers on the campus of Michigan State University on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Plainwell was scheduled to compete in the Division 2 regional hosted by Sturgis at Island Hills Golf Course on Tuesday, Oct. 7.

"This victory gives us great momentum as we head into regionals this week," Miller said.

The Otsego girls golf team won the Wolverine Conference title for the second straight season. (Photo provided)

Hopkins' Ford collects one-in-one

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

KENT CITY—Talk about saving your best for last.

On her final hole of the OK Silver Conference Finals at The Falls at Beaver Creek on Tuesday, Sept. 30, Hopkins sophomore Annika Ford sank a hole-in-one to cement her runner-up finish in the individual standings.

But wait, as they say in those late-night infomercials, there's more. Because Ford's final score of 86 also set a new school record.

"Annika's hole-in-one was definitely a highlight for us," Hopkins coach Russell VanDommelen said. "She played great overall. She played to her average on the front nine but then shot +3 on the back to climb the leaderboard.

"She has played well all year, and it was great to see her rise to the occasion in a big event."

As a team, Hopkins placed fourth with a score of 447.

NorthPointe Christian took first at 365, while Belding was second at 397 and Calvin Christian was third at 403.

That was the same order of finish as in the regular season.

Ford's ace occurred on the par-3 15th hole.

Rorey Houser (18th at 114), Morgan Brinks (20th at 122) and Sofia Lavigne (21st at 125) rounded out the scoring golfers for Hopkins. Lily Dehring (23rd at 128) and Kennedy Parsons (26th at 133) also competed.

Ford finished third in league scoring average, earning her All-Conference honors.

Hopkins' Annika Ford had a hole-in-one at the OK Silver Finals. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck cross teams shine at Portage

Saugatuck's Sawyer Monroe competes during a recent race. The Trailblazers were second at the Division 3 race at the Portage Invitational. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PORTAGE—Another meet, another strong showing for the Saugatuck cross country teams.

Taking part in the Division 3 races at the Portage Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 4, the Saugatuck boys placed second with 142 points, while the girls team finished third with 134 points.

Only top-ranked Jackson Lumen Christi (118) bested the Saugatuck boys. On the girls side, No. 1 Lansing Catholic (46) and No. 2 Pewamo-Westphalia (114) were the teams that finished ahead of the Trailblazers.

"Both teams continue to impress against top-tier competition," Saugatuck boys coach Rick Bauer said.

The top four finishers for the Saugatuck boys earned medals by placing in the top 50.

Marcus Silva led the way with a 12th-place showing of 16:43. Grant Rehkopf (15th at 16:57), Sawyer Monroe (16th at 16:59) and Jackson Bowman (21st at 17:03) followed.

Sammy Gamboa (83rd at 18:16) was Saugatuck's final scoring runner, while Isaac Cruz (19:12) and Simon Carr (19:21) also competed.

For the Saugatuck girls, Alina Martinson (12th at 19:54), Kamryn Sixberry (15th at 20:04) and Lyvia Curtis (23rd at 20:29) earned medals.

Ellyse Heyser (61st at 20:29) and Savannah Vandenberg (64th at 21:39) were the other scoring runners. Vandenberg ran the final two-plus miles with one shoe, as she lost one just before the mile mark.

Ryann Monroe (141st at 23:30) also raced for the Trailblazers.

The Fennville boys placed 34th with 924 points and the Fennville girls were 23rd with 616 points.

Isabelle Sliter had a strong showing for the Fennville girls, placing eighth at 19:22.

Martin football cruises past Muskegon Heights

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

MUSKEGON—Martin football coach Brad Blauvelt has high standards for his team. And understandably so, as the Clippers have won two 8-Player Division 1 state championships in the past two years and look like a strong contender to the title again this season.

That's why, despite his team's 70-6 win over host Muskegon Heights on Friday, Oct. 3, Blauvelt has this to say:

"We didn't execute as well as I had hoped," he said.

Again, high standards.

Adding to Blauvelt's sentiments was the fact that the Clippers will be facing Sacred Height Academy at home on Wednesday, Oct. 8. Kickoff is 6 p.m.

"We will have to move on quickly (from the Muskegon Heights game) as we play maybe our toughest opponent of the year in Sacred Heart. We are definitely looking forward to facing a worthy opponent because as the playoffs inch closer, we need to play in more competitive games."

Seth Toris shined for Martin on both sides of the ball against Muskegon Heights.

Offensively, he carried the ball 13 times, racking up 120 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, he led the way with a team-best five tackles.

"Seth played very well on both sides of the ball," Blauvelt said. "He brought a lot of energy."

Blauvelt also praised the play of James Grubers.

"I thought James did a nice job blocking on the offensive line," Blauvelt said.

Three other Clippers joined Toris with two rushing touchdowns apiece: Haylen Buell, Weson Elkins and Bryer Watson.

Buell finished with 70 rushing yards, while Elkins had 50 on three carries and Watson had 41 on three carries.

Watson also added an interception in the second half from his defensive back position.

Zaiden Buell totaled four tackles to go with a forced fumble. He also recovered two onside kicks.

Issac Suk contributed three tackles, two forced fumbles and a blocked punt.

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ATHLETE of the WEEK

Lane Blanchard
Otsego
Football

Otsego sennior football standout Lane Blanchard had a game to remember when his team hosted Vicksburg in a battle of the Bulldogs on Friday, Oct. 2.

Blanchard ran for 222 yards and three touchdowns to lead Otsego to the comeback win. Otsego trailed 31-26 entering the fourth quarter and ended up winning 32-31.

The loss was the first in league play for Vicksburg.

Blanchard leads Otsego past Vicksburg

Otsego football earned a comeback win over Vicksburg on Military Appreciation Night. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—The Otsego football team entered its home game with Vicksburg still searching for its for Wolverine Conference win. Vicksburg had yet to drop a league game.

But a standout performance from senior Lane Blanchard helped Otsego overcome a 10-point halftime deficit and secure the 32-21 win.

Otsego improved to 2-4 overall and 1-3 in conference action.

"It mean a lot to beat a really good team," Otsego coach Damien Ross said. "They've had a lot of success offensively this year and had some against us, but I'm proud in how we weathered the storm."

The fact that it was Military Appreciation Night in Otsego made the victory even more special.

"It was a great deal," Ross said. "We talked during the week about how these veterans uphold the foundation so we are able to go out and play a game. It was nice to share that moment with them."

Otsego fell behind 14-0 after one quarter and trailed 24-14 at halftime. A 12-7 edge in the third quarter narrowed the gap to 31-26 entering the final stanza.

Blanchard rushed for 222 yards and three touchdowns. Kole Engleright added 140 rushing yards and a receiving touchdown, while Zeke Andrina had two catches for 63 yards and one TD.

"We thought we could be physical with them, and our line showed that one both sides of the ball," Ross said. "We've played well these past few weeks and still haven't played our best yet, which is super encouraging."

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Hamilton, Otsego, Allegan compete at D3 invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

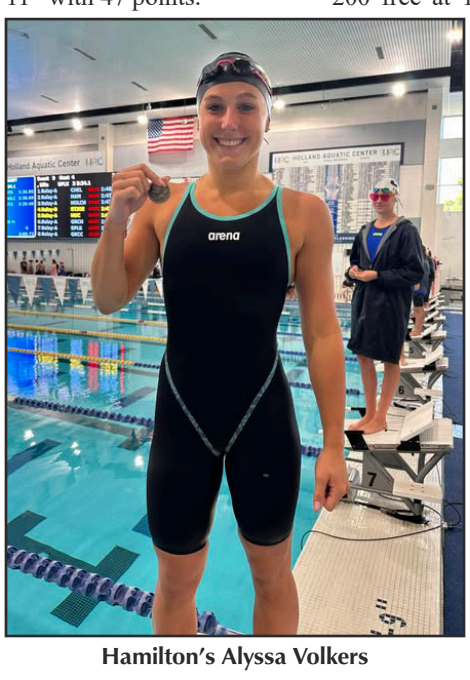
HOLLAND—The annual Holland Christian D3 Midseason Invitational took place on Saturday, Oct. 4, and three local teams were among included in the 12-team field.

Hamilton had the best showing of that trio, placing fifth with 212 points. Otsego finished ninth with 115 points, while Allegan was 11th with 47 points.

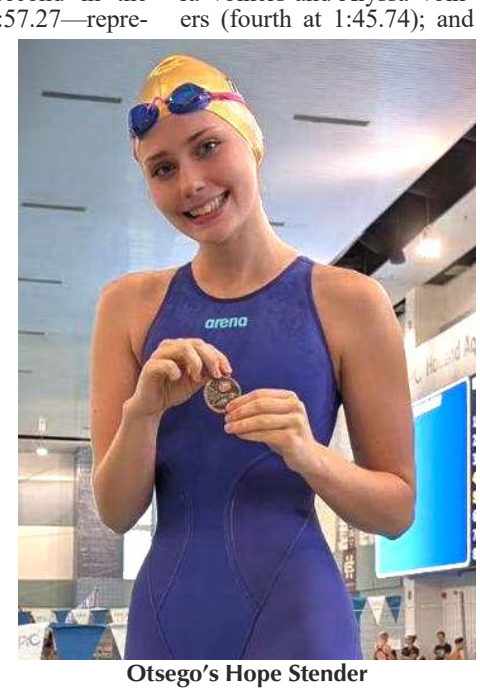
Unity Christian earned the top spot with 386 points, followed by Grand Rapids Christian (350.5), Holland Christian (338) and St. Joseph (318).

In addition to having the best finish of the local team, Hamilton also had the area's two event wins: Josi Popma in diving (377.5 points) and Alyssa Volkers in the 500 freestyle relay (5:11.29). That time by Volkers—who also placed second in the 200 free at 1:57.27—represented a new school record.

Others to medal for the Hawkeyes by virtue of placing in the top eight were: Adaline Garvelink in the 100 breaststroke (1:14.76) and the 200 IM (sixth at 2:25.89); Maya Miller in diving (sixth at 308.35); Keira Volkers in the 50 free (seventh at 25.69) and the 100 butterfly (seventh at 106.68); the 200 free relay team of Paige Kleinheksel, Garvelink, Keira Volkers and Alyssa Volkers (fourth at 1:45.74); and the 400 free relay team of Keira Volkers, Alyssa Volkers, Nora VandenBerg and Garvelink (fourth at 3:59.8).



Hamilton's Alyssa Volkers



Otsego's Hope Stender

Otsego had four medal-winning performances. More importantly to Bulldogs coach Darryl Belton, all of his swimmers showed continued improvement.

"We had a great meet," Otsego coach Darryl Belton said. "This was the first big invitational of the year where the other teams were going to be 'big girl' fast. We have a ton of new swimmers who have never experienced anything like it, and I was a little worried about how they would respond.

"As it turns out there was no need to worry, as we had (personal records) everywhere.

Two of those PRs came in the same event, as Hope Stender placed sixth in the 500 free at 5:36.95 and teammate Bella Xenos was close behind in eighth at 5:39.49

Diver Millie Shattuck also medaled by placing eighth with 302.5 points. The 400 free relay team of Stender, Aubrey Smith, Laney Sweet and Xenos finished sixth at 4:01.4.

"Kylee Worden, Karis Slater, Juni Sisson and Lydia Griffith all were great in their first meet like this one," Belton said. "I wasn't as surprised with the swims that Morgan Gruber, Alyssa Long, Aubrey Smith and Laney Sweet had, as they are all returning swimmers from last year and they knew what to expect. Hailey Montgomery had a very good diving score.

"And Hope Stender and Bella Xenos qualifying for the state meet in the 500 was the cherry on top of all of it. I was very proud of our team."

Eliza DeLaet was the standout performer for Allegan, medaling in two events. She finished sixth in both the 50 free (25.61) and the 100 butterfly (1:02.88).

"Our team competed with heart, courage and determination against some of the top Division 3 teams in the state," Allegan coach Carol Gephart said.

"Every Allegan athlete swam **season-best times** in each of their individual events, and both of the team's relays also posted season-best performances. That's a testament to the team's hard work and steady progress throughout the fall."

Fennville soccer wins two

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SCHOOLCRAFT—The Fennville boys soccer team continued its winning ways, picking up a 3-0 win over Schoolcraft on Monday, Oct. 6.

Angel Villalobos had a hand in all three goals, scoring two and assisting on one. Josue Bahena also scored for the Blackhawks.

Chava Carranza and Ethan Coffindaffer were each credited with one assist.

Dereck Arredondo had five saves in goal for the shutout.

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, Fennville hosted Kalamazoo Christian and won 2-1.

Carranza and Jorge Espino scored one goal each, while Jared Delgado picked up an assist.

Arredondo made eight saves.

Football results

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Hopkins 47 Com. Park 20

The first half of Hopkins' OK Silver contest with Comstock Park was fairly close, with the Vikings taking a 21-13 lead to the intermission.

The second half was a bit of a different story.

Buoyed by a 20-point uprising in the third quarter, the Vikings outscored Comstock Park 26-7 in the second half to roll to the 47-20 win.

The victory snapped a three-game losing skid for Hopkins, which evened its record at 3-3.

Vicente Garza and Justin VanWagner formed quite the one-two punch for the Vikings, as each rushing for more than 120 yards and scored two touchdowns apiece.

Garza, who scored in the first (six yards) and fourth (30 yards) quarters, had 129 yards on 17 carries. VanWagner, who found the end zone in the second (23 yards) and third (35 yards) quarters, went for 124 yards on 14 carries.

Cruz Hitzler nearly gave Hopkins a third 100-yard rusher, as he finished with 94 yards on 10 carries. That included a second-quarter TD run of two yards.

Merek Zapolnik (one yard) and Austin Schaendorf (12 yards) accounted for the other two touchdowns for Hopkins.

Schaendorf also recovered a fumble, while Graycin Ingle, Jace Hibma and Braydon Smigiel each had an interception. Clayton Kerber had a team-best five tackles.

Allegan 21 Parchment 33

Brandon Thrash had quite a performance for Allegan in its SAC contest with Parchment on Friday, Oct. 3, rushing for 152 yards and three touchdowns.

That was the good news for the Tigers. The bad news was that Parchment came out on top 33-21.

Dylan Ritsema added 50 rushing yards for the Tigers, while Hauk Henrickson had 38 yards. Myles Jackson made good on all three of his extra-point kicks.

Defensively, Bradyn Kosiorowski and Keegan Rhoda each had nine tackles, while Ritsema had eight. Sully Garvin recovered a fumble.

Fennville 22 T.C. 58

Down 40-6 in the early stages of the fourth quarter, Fennville tried to crawl back into its game with Twin Cities on Friday, Oct. 3.

Following a scoring run (14 yards) and successful conversion by Ethan Rosencrans, the Blackhawks got an 18-yard TD pass from Carter Thompson to Gavin Kemper and another conversion run from Rosencrans.

That made the score 40-22.

But Fennville would get no closer, as Twin Cities responded with three touchdowns—one on an interception return—to close out the game and pull away for the 58-22 win.

Fennville's other TD came in the first quarter on a 67-yard pass from Thompson to Ely Schut.

Thompson finished 10-of-24 passing for 167 yards, the two TDs and three interceptions.

Trinity Solis led the Fennville rushing game, going for 98 yards on 12 carries.

Defensive leaders for the Blackhawks included Ashton Senters with 5.5 tackles, Schut with five tackles and Rosencrans and Isiah Souders with four tackles each.

Plainwell 14 Eddies 31

Quarterback Landon Naas threw a pair of touchdown passes to Chib Amaezechi in Plainwell's homecoming game with Edwardsburg on Friday, Oct. 3.

But that wasn't quite enough, as the Eddies posted the 31-14 win.

Amaezechi finished with five catches for 91 yards.

"Chib is a hard matchup for defenses and he proved he's one of the better wide receivers in the area," Plainwell coach Brian Huberty said.

Naas went 9-of-20 passing for 132 yards, the two TDs and two interceptions.

Luke Filkins had 58 rushing yards on 13 carries.

Edwardsburg led 10-0 at halftime and 24-7 after three quarters.

"We're playing really well on defense," Huberty said. "They had 200 yards on the ground, and 100 of that came from two carries."

Fennville's Zay Peoples looks for some running room in a recent game. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Scholarship applications are open

EAST LANSING—One of the Michigan High School Athletic Association's most popular programs, the Scholar-Athlete Award, will again with Farm Bureau Insurance present 32 $2,000 scholarships to top student-athletes at member high schools during the 2025-26 school year.

The MHSAA/Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award highlights the value extracurricular activities play in the total education of high school students, often improving their academic achievements in the process.

The Scholar-Athlete Award is in its 37th year. Since the award's inception in 1988-89, Farm Bureau Insurance has presented $1,152,000 in scholarships through this program.

The first 30 scholarships will be presented on a graduated basis across the MHSAA's traditional class structure.

From Class A schools, six boys and six girls will receive scholarships; from Class B schools, four boys and four girls; from Class C schools, three boys and three girls; and from Class D schools, two boys and two girls will be honored. The final two scholarships will be awarded at-large to minority recipients, regardless of school size.

The scholarships may be used at the institution of higher learning the recipients attend during the first year at those colleges.

Applications from individual schools will be limited to the number of available scholarships in their enrollment class. That means Class A schools may submit the names of six boys and six girls, Class B schools may submit four boys and four girls, Class C may submit three boys and three girls and Class D may submit two boys and two girls.

Students applying for Scholar-Athlete Awards must be graduating during the 2025-26 school year, carrying an unrounded 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) grade-point average and have won a varsity letter in a sport in which the MHSAA sponsors a postseason tournament: baseball, girls and boys basketball, girls and boys bowling, competitive cheer, girls and boys cross country, field hockey, football, girls and boys golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, girls and boys lacrosse, girls and boys skiing, girls and boys soccer, softball, girls and boys swimming & diving, girls and boys tennis, girls and boys track & field, girls and boys volleyball and wrestling.

Applicants will be required to show involvement in other school and community activities and submit an essay on the importance of sportsmanship in educational athletics.

Information—including answers to a number of frequently asked questions—and links to the application are available online on the Scholar-Athlete Award page of the MHSAA Website at https://www.mhsaa.com/about/awards/scholar-athlete-award. Applications are available in digital format only and must be submitted online by 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

A committee composed of school administrators from across the state will select finalists and winners in late January, with the winners to be announced throughout February.

All applicants, finalists and scholarship recipients will be announced on the MHSAA Website. The 32 scholarship recipients will be recognized during the 2026 MHSAA Boys Basketball Finals at the Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing.

Saugatuck soccer continues winning ways against Allegan

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

ALLEGAN—In its road contest with Allegan on Monday, Oct. 6, the Saugatuck boys soccer team took control early and never looked back.

The Trailblazers led 4-0 at halftime on the way to the 5-1 victory.

Dante Holley scored three times for Saugatuck, with Charlie Robison accounting for the other two goals. Holley and Robison each also had an assist.

Other assists went to Henry Gannon, Ashton Skinner and Tommy Bullinger.

Alex Cerneguel scored all three shots he faced in goal for the Trailblazers, while Gannon made one save on two shots.

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, Saugatuck broke a scoreless deadlock with two second-half goals to prevail 2-0 against Hackett Catholic.

Holley and Nicoli Viten-Johansen scored one goal each, with Gannon and Bullinger collecting one assist apiece.

Cerneguel made seven saves for the shutout.

The previous day, the Trailblazers hosted Our Lady of the Lake and won 8-0.

Holley scored three goals with one assist. Gannon scored once and had two assists, while Robison had one goal and one assist.

Skinner, Frankie Bullinger and Clark Hamlin each scored once. Viten-Johansen had two assists, with Tommy Bullinger and Justin Crawford each chipping in with one assist.

Saugatuck's Henry Gannon (left) battle for position in the game with Hackett Catholic. (Photo by Scott Sullivan)

Otsego girls win at Portage

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PORTAGE—Domination.

No, check that. Total, complete and utter domination.

Yep. That pretty much sums up Otsego senior cross country standout Emma Hoffman's performance in the Division 2 race at the Portage Invitational on Saturday, Oct. 4.

Crossing the finish line with a time of 16:50, Hoffman won the race by 1:12, leading the Bulldogs to first place in the team standings in the process.

The Bulldogs finished with 86 points to edge out Holland Christian by 10 points. Hopkins finished 24th with 657 points.

Five of Hoffman's teammates joined her in earning a medal by placing in the top 50: Alyana Verhage was 21st at 19:28, Adelyn Verhage was 26th at 19:41, Addelyn Sabatke was 30th at 19:46, Rebekah Stachura was 31st at 19:47 and Skylar Mejeur was 34th at 19:53.

Lillian Dewey had the best showing for Hopkins, placing 164th at 22:58.

In the boys race, Otsego finished eight with 354 points. Hopkins was 40th with 1,059 points.

Kenny Sheffer (36th at 16:52) and Gunnar Djerf (45th at 17:01) medaled for Otsego. Kash Moored was four spots away from earning a medal for Hopkins, as he placed 54th at 17:08.

Rebecca Stachura was one of six Otsego girls to medal at the Portage Invitational. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Saugatuck football suffers road loss to G-A

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GALESBURG—Quarterback Walt Bos ran for a team-best 107 yards on 11 carries (9.7 yards per carry average) and threw for 46 yards on 3-of-5 passing during Saugatuck's road game at Galesburg-Augusta on Friday, Oct. 3.

Unfortunately for the Trailblazers, that performance wasn't enough to prevent a third-straight loss.

G-A scored 14 points in each of the first three quarters en route to handing Saugatuck the 42-10 defeat.

The Trailblazers slipped to 2-4.

"This was another tough loss on the road," Saugatuck coach Bill Dunn said. "We had the ability to move the ball down the field, but we were unable to finish drives.

"A credit to Galesburg, as those kids were able to capitalize on their opportunities."

Jack Drummond accounted for the lone Saugatuck touchdown, scoring on a 1-yard run in the second quarter to get the Trailblazers on the board.

Dante Holley made good on the extra-point kick before connected on a 31-yard field goal later in the quarter as Saugatuck went to halftime down 28-10.

Any hope of a comeback by the Trailblazers came to the end in the third quarter, when G-A used a 14-0 advantage to push its lead to 32 points entering the final stanza.

"As hard as our kids play, it still comes down to ball security and defense," Dunn said. "We have to do a better job of taking care of the football and defending the football."

Max Page was second on the team with 51 rushing yards on 17 carries. Mason Leslie added 36 yards on seven carries.

Carlos Perez had two receptions for 37 yards. Page had Saugatuck's other catch, which resulted in a 9-yard gain.

Page and Drummond also led the Trailblazers on the defensive end, racking up seven tackles each. Nolan LaLonde added six tackles.

Despite being disappointed with the game's outcome, Dunn believes there are still positives to be taken away.

"Experience is a valuable learning tool," he said. "We are a young team, and hopefully we are gaining experience through adversity."

Martin volleyball beats host Trailblazers

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK—The Saugatuck volleyball team played host to Martin on Tuesday, Sept. 30, with the Clippers prevailing 25-19, 25-22, 25-15.

Martin's serving played a big role in determining the outcome. The Clippers served up 20 aces, led by Mackenzie Schwartz with eight.

"Our serving put the pressure on Saugatuck," Martin coach Shannon Goddard said.

Kendra Goddard and Anna Jager added five and four aces, respectively, for Martin.

Saugatuck, meanwhile, got 13 digs, four kills and two aces from Natalia Laskowski. Gabbie Cochran added nine digs and two aces, while Emma Gosler chipped in with four kills and two blocks.

Ashtyn O'Neill paced Saugatuck with three blocks.

Other standouts for the Clippers were Maggie Jager with eight kills, Kendra Goddard with 17 digs and Torryn Harris with 18 assists.

"We need to continue working on a few aspects to get us to the next level, but the girls are working hard every day in practice," Shannon Goddard said.

On Thursday, Oct. 2, Martin hosted Gobles and won 25-10, 27-25, 24-26, 25-21.

"We started the strongest we have all season in the first set, but struggled to keep that momentum in the following sets," Shannon Goddard said. "Our energy struggled to stay consistent for the entire match.

"But our hustle is what kept us in it. We had a few plays most teams would give up on and we ended up winning some long rallies because of it."

Schwartz led the Martin offense with 15 kills, followed by Marybeth Ritchie with six and Maggie Jager with five. Ritchie also had 23 digs and six aces.

Anna Jager led with nine aces, Kendra Goddard had 20 digs and Harris had 27 assists.

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Lacey's Nail Studio holds Grand Opening

Lacey's Nail Studio at 116 Locust St. In Allegan held their Grand Opening on Sept. 30, 2025.

By Gari Voss

Lacey's Nail Studio held its official Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. It was an afternoon of wonderful finger food and conversation, since Lacey Morton could have named her studio Lacey's Nails and More. Not only can you receive beautiful nails on your hands and feet, but customers can enjoy a head to soul massage in the adjoining room. To accent any new look, there is the Maker's Market for homemade items plus. Lacey is a licensed Nail Technician and Artist with 10+ years of experience in the salon & beauty industry. She is delighted to have moved to her new location at 116 Locust Street in Allegan. For more information call 269-512-7080.

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Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

With only a little less than a month before Halloween, are you prepared? Are you thinking about preparing?

-Woman near the Fennville hardware store: "Prepared? Are you kidding? No! I should be, the kids want me to start, but I am too [expletive] busy!"

-Couple, same location, both look around to see if anyone is close by: Man: "Yeah, sort of." Woman: "What he isn't saying is that we have a display planned, but we're not letting anyone know what we're doing. We want it to be a surprise."

-Couple near the Blue Goose; Man: "We're too far out in the country to do much." Woman: "We've been there for over 20 years, and I don't think anyone has ever come to trick or treat." Woman, again: "And it's a good thing since you always eat the treats."

-Young woman and infant near the Allegan Public Library: "It's her first Halloween, so she won't remember it except for the pictures we take. I'll figure out a costume for her and we'll to a couple of places."

-Two women near the Old Jail Museum; First Woman: "Oh, definitely. We always did Halloween when we were growing up, so I've continued doing it ever since. I love seeing the kids in their costumes." Second Woman: "I do, too. Especially the young ones who are shy about it. They are soooooooooo cute."

Couple near the Allegan Post Office; Man: "You see that place near the bottom of the hill on 40? They go all out, don't they? I get a kick seeing what they do." Woman: "Hold on and don't get any ideas of getting carried away. We're watching our money, remember?"

-Man, same location: "No, I don't think so. I saw the price of candy, and it's more than I want to spend." Friend with him: "Don't give up yet. Sometimes they have a pretty good sale a few days before Halloween. Wait and see."

-Couple near Minnie's: Man: "The wife, she likes Halloween and giving out the candy. Of course, if it's cold or raining she'll let me stand out there to do it. A few years back we had snow." Both laugh

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The City of Allegan would like to identify any abandoned, unplugged wells in and around its wellhead protection zone and explore having them plugged. The zone extends east from the city of Allegan along the north side of M-222 east to 24th St.

If you are the owner of the abandoned, unplugged well and would like assistance in plugging the well. Please contact Allegan Water Utilities at 269-686-1117 or by emailing to Doug Sweeris at dsweeris@cityofallegan.org

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

A pharmaceutical drug production line at one of Perrigo's factories, Allegan County's largest manufacturer. Photo from perrigo.com

SALUTE TO MANUFACTURING

Jordan Wilcox
Assistant Publisher

From the shop floors in Allegan to the lakeshore workshops in Saugatuck and Douglas, manufacturing remains one of the strongest pillars of Allegan County's economy. It's an industry built on precision, innovation, and hard work, which continues to shape the lives and livelihoods of thousands of local residents.

Manufacturing has long been part of the county's identity. Generations of workers have kept production lines humming and small shops thriving, crafting everything from pharmaceuticals and packaging materials to machinery and metal components. Large employers and family-owned manufacturers alike rely on skilled hands, quick minds, and the pride that comes with building something from the ground up.

Today, the industry stands at a crossroads of tradition and technology. Modern facilities are blending decades of craftsmanship with advanced equipment and automation, proving that manufacturing in West Michigan is as dynamic as ever. These companies don't just produce goods; they fuel local economies, provide stable careers, and drive innovation that reaches far beyond county lines.

For the next generation, manufacturing offers opportunity and purpose. Young people who step into these roles can learn valuable technical skills, earn solid wages, and build long-term careers without having to leave their hometowns. The industry rewards curiosity, problem-solving, and teamwork — traits that never go out of style. With many veteran workers approaching retirement, there's never been a better time for new talent to enter the field and carry the torch forward.

The importance of manufacturing extends beyond the walls of any plant or factory. It supports families, sustains small businesses, and strengthens the communities that make Allegan County home. Every product made here tells a story of skill, dedication, and pride.

At the Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, we recognize and celebrate the people behind those stories. We salute our manufacturers for their hard work, innovation, and continued commitment to excellence. They are the makers, the problem-solvers, and the quiet force powering Allegan County's future.

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Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

Oct. 9, 1950

County's Boom babies getting better care: Better care for Allegan County's booming baby population was promised by Miss Ruth Smith, acting director of the county health department.

Of 1,198 babies born in 1949 in the county, 95 percent were born in hospitals, and only one infant was delivered by someone other than a physician.

It compares to 1,108 births in 1948 when 94 percent were born in hospitals and two deliveries had no doctor in attendance.

In 1946, of the 802 births recorded, 79 were born at home, with 90 percent born in hospitals, Miss Smith said. The birth rate has almost doubled since the 683 births in 1937 when the number born in hospitals was not recorded. Chances are good that the percentage was much less, however, the director said.

Oct. 9, 1975

Hopkins FFA chapter launches pig project: Two bred Yorkshire gilts purchased last month by the Hopkins FFA chapter for use in animal science projects farrowed recently, with one bearing seven piglets and the other bearing nine piglets.

The gilts and their litters are housed in the school's animal science building, and they are being cared for by Byron Ewing and John Thompson.

The two gilts and their litters are being raised by different methods so agriculture classes at Hopkins can study which method produces the best results—a farrowing crate or a farrowing pen with guard rails.

Hopkins Agriculture instructor Roy Miller has been using the piglets in classroom exercises to give all students first-hand experience in such practices as clipping needle teeth, ear notching, giving iron shots and weekly weighing and record keeping.

Oct. 12, 2000

Tradition or superstition?: Superstitions and the world of sports have gone hand-in-hand from the beginning of athletic competition. A player has to eat the same pregame meal or listen to the same music prior to every contest. Others have a lucky jersey, T-shirt or, as disturbing as it sounds, underwear that must be worn for every game, at times going unwashed for weeks.

But the incorporation of superstition isn't confined to the athletes themselves.

Coaches often have as many, if not more, superstitions than players. And with Friday the 13th—the most superstitious of all days—looming, there is no better time to explore some coaches' compulsions.

Few coaches have been more successful than Allegan boys and girls tennis coach Gary Ellis, who has won more than 20 conference championships. Besides winning, there has been one other constant in Ellis' tenure: after-shave.

"For the past 13 years, I have a certain after-shave that I wear on match days," Ellis said.

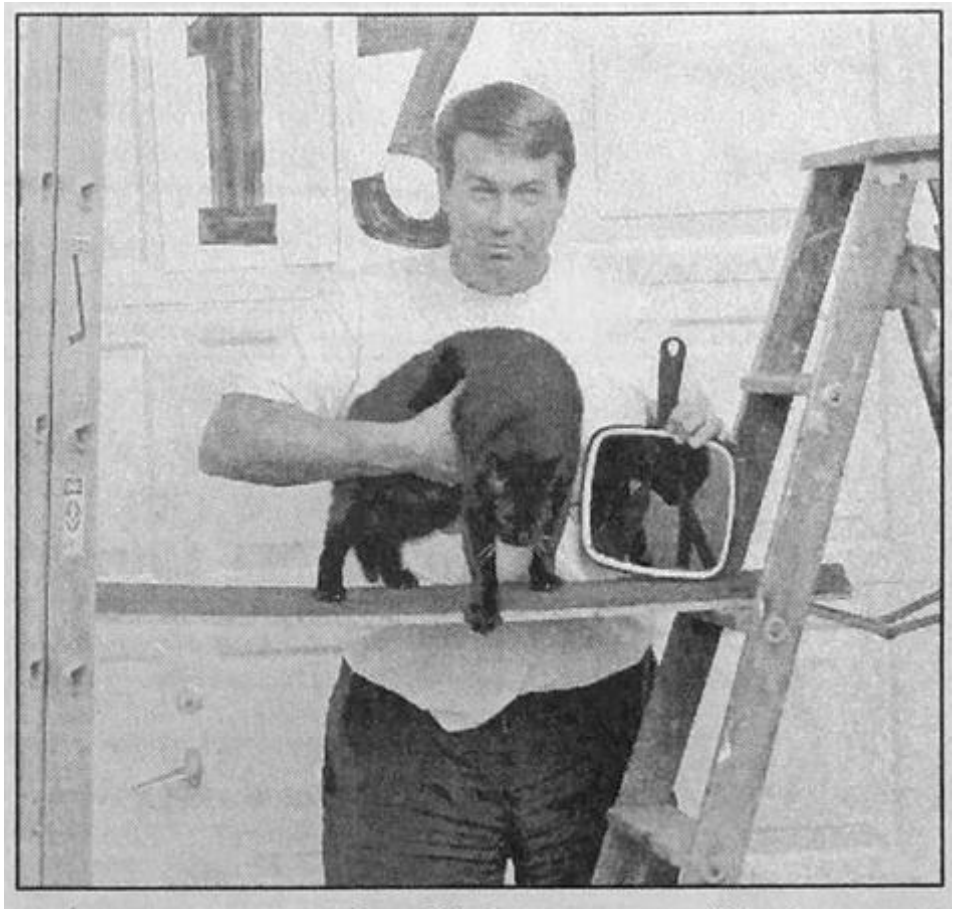
The after-shave in question, Gray Flannel, was originally given to Ellis as a gift and ever since he hasn't gone to a match without wearing it.

Martin girls basketball coach Joe Orr, meanwhile, has a superstition that revolves around the state tournament.

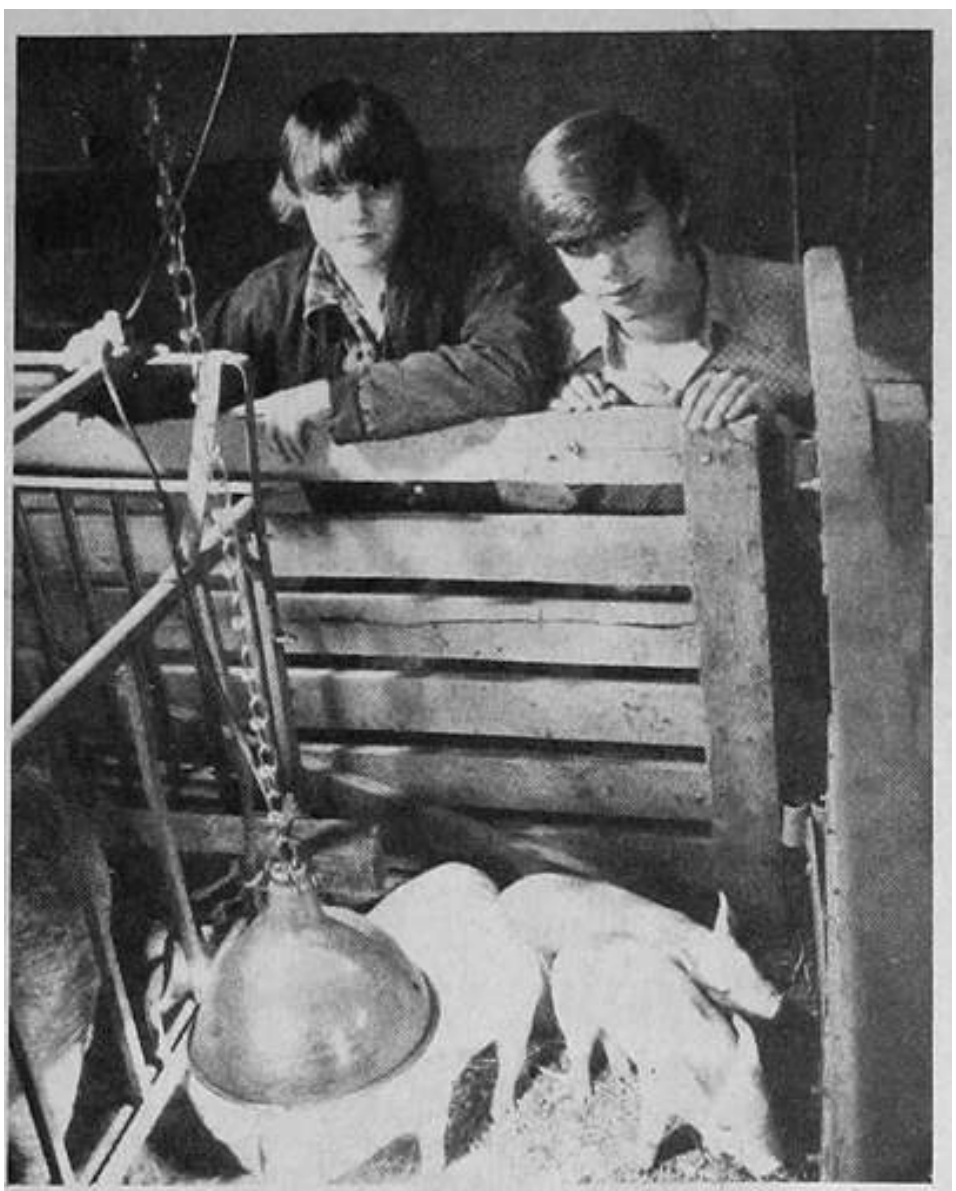
Each year as his team begins tournament play, Orr turns to a trusty pair of socks and a penny for luck.

"Years ago I had the same socks on for a couple of games," Orr said. "From that time on, I'll wear those socks until we lose.

"Also, one of the kids some years back gave each coach a penny to put in their shoe. Ever since then, when we've going into the tournament, I have a penny in my shoe."



Allegan tennis coach Gary Ellis is longer on tradition than superstitions, yet he doesn't have that confident look about him at the moment. (Photo by Walt Kaechele)



Byron Ewing, left, and John Thompson observe one of the two Hopkins FFA pig litters for which they are in charge of providing basic care such as feeding and watering.

Oct. 8, 2020

Petition demands Allegan stop the sale of hotel site: Petition to rescind resolution 20.28 to sell 101 Brady Street was filed on Wednesday, September 30, 2020 by the Friends of Mahan Park. The intent of this petition is to stop the sale of 101 Brady Street to CL Real Estate of Peru, Illinois who wish to build a 5-story boutique hotel.

The Petition for Referendum reads: "We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the city of Allegan, state of Michigan, respectfully petition for the following: 1) That the Allegan City Council repeal the adoption of City Resolution 20.29 which authorized the sale of the parcel 03-51-305-001-00, commonly known as 101 Brady St., to CL Real Estate, LLC of Peru, IL for the purpose of constructing a hotel. 2) That the Allegan City Council also stop any proposed future sale of a portion of State Street which would make the Second Street Bridge a one-way, one-lane bridge."

According to the Charter for the City of Allegan, Section 7.1 references General Authority. 7.1(a) address the "Initiative" that qualified voters have the power to "propose ordinances to the council and, if the council fails to adopt an ordinance so proposed without any charge in substance, to adopt or reject it at a city election…" while 7.1(b) gives qualified voters "power to require reconsideration by the council of any adopted ordinances and, if the council fails to repeal an ordinance so reconsidered, to approve or reject it at a city election…"

Jason Watts, who filed the referendum, shared that "The petition contained 228 signatures even though only 150 were required, and many signatures were through the efforts of Charles Tripp." This would align with section 7.2(a) of the City of Allegan Charter that requires referendum petitions to be signed by no less than 150 qualified voters.

In the current case, the group intended the petition to be a referendum, which would give the voters the ability to approve or reject either a proposed or enacted decision of the governing body. 7.1(b) in the Charter states that the voters do have the power to request that the City Council reconsider the adoption of an ordinance.

If the Council decides to not rescind their earlier decision, the referendum request can be approved or rejected "at a city election, provided that such power shall not extend to the budget or capital program or any emergency ordinance or ordinance relating to appropriation of money or levy of taxes."

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

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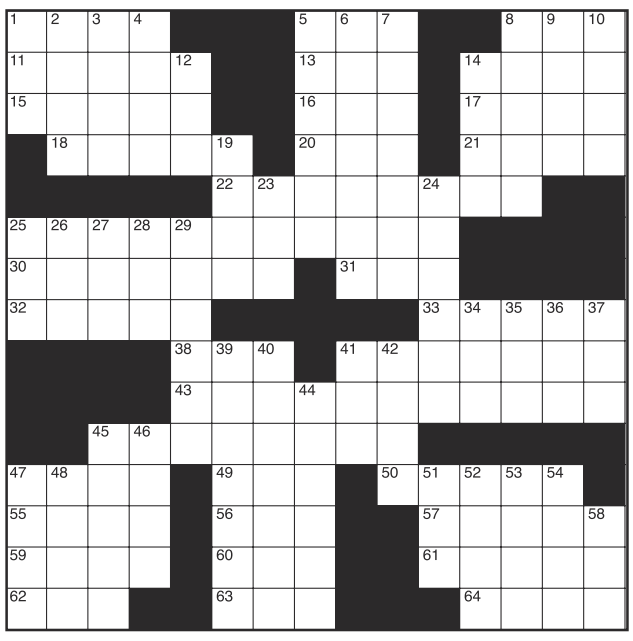

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1. Comedic actor Rogen
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13. Own (Scottish)
14. Notable FI racing team
15. Upper bract of grass
16. Tax collector
17. Electronic counter-countermeasures
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Skeletal muscle
21. Popular fish type
22. Salts of acetic acid
25. Arriving early
30. Worded
31. Single Lens Reflex
32. Amphibians
33. Warm greeting
38. Belonging to a thing
41. Segmented worm
43. Concerns
45. Audacious
47. Wings
49. Type of drug
50. Wind chill formula scientist Charles
55. Island close to the U.S.
56. ÒTo the __ degreeÓ
57. Daniel __, French composer
59. A way to march
60. Where golfers begin
61. Spiritual leader
62. Of she
63. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
64. Tall, slender-leaved plant

CLUES DOWN
1. Engine additive
2. Amounts of time
3. Fragrant brown balsam used in perfume
4. Color properties
5. One who hands over
6. Thieves of the sea
7. Put in
8. Nocturnal rodents
9. Pouches
10. Systems, doctrines, theories
12. Greek alphabet letter
14. Greek goddess of youth
19. Satisfy
23. Partly digested food
24. Dictator
25. Parts per thousand (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. A major division of geological time
28. Angry
29. St. Francis of __
34. Romanian monetary unit
35. Stale
36. Go quickly
37. Commercials
39. Canadian city
40. One who slices
41. Perform perfectly
42. Nest of pheasants
44. Tactile sensations
45. Sword
46. Climactic
47. Adrenocorticotrophin
48. FishermanÕs tool
51. Swiss river
52. Plant that makes gum
53. A French abbot
54. One point east of northeast
58. Get free of

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Deaths

August 15, 2025
DOUGLAS JOHN URAMKIN, 70, Plainwell

Sept. 4, 2025
SUSAN MARIE STAPISH, 72, Allegan Twp.

Sept. 8, 2025
ELAINE CATHERINE CLARK, 92, Douglas

Sept. 19, 2025
WILLIAM ARLON KISSINGER, 89, Plainwell

Sept. 21, 2025
BEN LEE BECK, 88, Trowbide Twp.
BARBARA OBRIEN, 75, Gun Plain Twp.

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between Sept. 23 and Oct. 1:

ISAAC MATTHEW MYAARD, Holland, and **RUBI RAFAEL LEMUS**, Otsego

JACQUELYN CIE BROWNLEE, Martin, and **AUSTIN MICHAEL RUSSELL**, Martin

CLARA NICOLE TUCKER, Otsego, and **NATHAN CLAY OOSTERHOUSE**, Martin

RIVER JAMES SMITH, Hamilton, and **ANNA ESTHER GEERLINGS**, Hamilton

ADAM ADAMS, Plainwell, and **TRACI STOCKWELL**, Plainwell

MARBELLA ELIENAI CORRALES MAGALLANES, Fennville, and **TOMAS BECERRA HERRERA**, Fennville

SARAH ELIZABETH SHARP, Wayland, and **JOSEPH MICHAEL CASTILLO**, Conklin

SHANNON MORGAN BRUMMEL, Plainwell, and **JUSTIN PARKER BOITNOTT**, Plainwell

SETH JACOB RISHER, Plainwell, and **ABBIGALE ANGELINA BOSMA**, Plainwell

BENJAMIN DAVID HUTCHISON, Dorr, and **CARLEE ANN PACHOLEK**, Dorr

HAYLEE MICHELLE THOMPSON, Allegan, and **NATHAN WILLIAM DUCKLOW**, Allegan

GIDEON MONTGOMERY KOSTER, Allegan, and **JOANNA MARIE GAILEY**, Allegan

LINDSEY LEIGH HENDGES, Martin, and **NICHOLAS LEE TARMAN**, Martin

JACOB ALEXANDER TAYLOR, Wayland, and **HALEY NICOLE GORENFLO**, Wayland

CATHLEEN ANN KIZER, Allegan, and **JASON ALLEN FRAMPTON**, Allegan

JAYNA PAIGE MEMBERTO, Wayland, and **DILLON MATTHEW BECKER**, Wayland

KAMRYN MARIE PALS, Dorr, and **JOSHUA CARL SCHOLTEN**, Wayland

EMILY ROSE MCRAE, Dorr, and **MICHAEL SCOTT REINSTEIN**, Dorr

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Public Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on October 16, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Rickie L. Jones and Tamara L. Jones, as husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center, LLC

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: March 27, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: April 5, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $127,480.77

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, according to the recorded Plat thereof, also commencing at the West most corner of Lot 17 of Kozy Knoll Mobile Acres, being in Section 13, Town 2 North, Range 14 West; thence South 43 degrees 02 minutes 18 seconds East, along the South line of said lot 150 feet to the South most corner of said lot; thence South 13 degrees 13 minutes 48 seconds West, 641.11 feet; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 15 seconds West 110 feet; thence North 11 degrees 52 minutes 53 seconds East 749.71 feet to the West most corner of Lot 17 and the place of beginning

Common street address (if any): 1962 Lincoln Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8938

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: September 18, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Terry Mohrland Jr., An Unmarried Man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Date of Mortgage: June 5, 2014

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 11, 2014

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $115,682.52

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Cheshire, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 3, Town 1 North, Range 14 West; thence West 165 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 715.75 feet; thence West 140.05 feet; thence North 451.75 feet; thence North 20 degrees 58 minutes 21 seconds East 193.75 feet; thence North 83.03 feet; thence East 66.02 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 1187 Kimbel Dr, Allegan, MI 49010-8314

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Date of notice: September 25, 2025

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Farmington Hills, MI 48334

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(09-25)(10-16)

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN

Case No. 25-70706-CK

HON. MATTHEW ANTKOVIAK

JOMAR PROPERTIES, LLC, a Michigan

Limited liability company,

Plaintiff,

V

JOHN VANSPRONSEN, an individual,

Defendant.

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ORDER FOR ALTERNATE SERVICE

At a session of said Court, held in the County Building in the City of Allegan, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, this 11 day of Sept, 2025.

PRESENT: Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Judge.

THIS MATTER involving a claim for monetary damages from destruction caused by John Vanspronsen at 3588 Lincoln Road, Hamilton, Michigan, 49419, throughout his tenancy as a renter, having come before the Court by Motion of Plaintiff, the Court being advised in the premises, and the Court finds that service of process upon the Defendant cannot be reasonably made as provided in MCR 2.105 and service of process may be made in a manner that is reasonably calculated to give the defendant actual notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard. Defendant must answer the Complaint filed in this Court within 28 days of the date of FINAL publication of this notice. Failure to answer may result in a default judgment against Defendant or other negative action.

IT IS ORDERED THAT ALTERNATE SERVICE may be made on Defendant by first-class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested, to 3487 Lincoln Rd, Hamilton, MI 49419, but shall also be effected by tacking said summons and complaint to the door at 3487 Lincoln Rd, Hamilton, MI 49414 and via publication pursuant to MCR 2.106(D).

Matthew Antkoviak P-59449

Honorable Matthew Antkoviak, Circuit Court Judge

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Joseph Anderson, An Unmarried Man to Fifth Third Bank, National Association, Mortgagee, dated August 28, 2020, and recorded on September 3, 2020, in Liber 4506, Page 19, Allegan County Records, , on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and 54/100 ($149,433.54) including interest at the rate of 3.12500% per annum. Said premises are situated in the Township of Gun Plain, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the West Quarter post of Section 32 Town 1 North, Range 11 West; Thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East 283.32 feet to the point of beginning of this description; Thence continuing North 00 degrees 19 minutes 22 seconds East on said Section line 368.86 feet to the center of chart drain; Thence North 72 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East on the center of said drain 946.55 feet to the centerline of Douglas Avenue; Thence South 30 degrees 00 minutes 57 seconds East on the centerline of said Avenue 164.21 feet; Thence South 56 degrees 01 minute 42 seconds West 357.72 feet; Thence South 28 degrees 21 minutes 32 seconds East 188.89 feet; Thence South 78 degrees 56 minutes 07 seconds West 792.56 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 130 10TH STREET, PLAINWELL, MI 49080 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: September 25, 2025 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, N.A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 23MI01029-2

(09-25)(10-16)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Matthew W Carpenter, single man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC

Date of Mortgage: August 7, 2019

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 4, 2019

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $128,450.93

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 2 North, Range 14 West, Valley Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section, thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 1315.73 feet along the North line of said Section to the 1/8 post of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section; thence South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 259.46 feet along West line of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds West 423.94 feet to the centerline of Allegan Dam Road; thence South 70 degrees 29 minutes 19 seconds East 104.77 feet along said centerline, thence North 00 degrees 19 minutes 44 seconds East 456.49 feet; thence North 88 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds West 98.97 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 4040 Allegan Dam Rd, Allegan, MI 49010-8932

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: October 2, 2025

Trott Law, P.C.

31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145

Farmington Hills, MI 48334

(248) 642-2515

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(10-02)(10-23)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Lisa M. Annunziata, a single woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Bank of New York Mellon FKA The Bank of New York, as Trustee for the certificateholders of the CWABS, Inc., Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-10

Date of Mortgage: June 11, 2007

Date of Mortgage Recording: June 19, 2007

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $120,283.55

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Dorr, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The North 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 except railroad property, also except commencing 1327.76 feet South of the Northeast corner; thence South 75 feet; thence North 88 degrees 41 minutes 14 seconds West 234.01 feet; thence North 76.35 feet; thence East 233.26 feet to the point of beginning, also except commencing 1402.93 feet South of the Northeast corner of Section; thence South 66 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 234 feet; thence South 109 feet; thence North 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds West 475 feet; thence North 44 degrees 06 minutes 38 seconds West 35.91 feet; thence North 225 feet; thence South 88 degrees 42 minutes 52 seconds East 500 feet; thence South 75.11 feet; thence South 88 degrees 52 minutes 52 seconds East 234.01 feet to the point of beginning, Section 21, Town 4 North, Range 12 West, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 4142 18th St, Dorr, MI 49323-8008

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dustin Wendt, and Desiree Wendt, husband and wife

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Pennymac Loan Services, LLC

Date of Mortgage: October 30, 2020

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 4, 2020

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $179,596.38

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: The West 330 feet of the North 330 feet of the East half of the Southwest quarter of Section 29, Town 3 North, Range 13 West, Township of Monterey, Allegan County, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 3348 127th Ave, Allegan, MI 49010-9230

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: October 2, 2025

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Jonathan M. Buczek, AKA Jonathan Buczek, a married man and Kathryn M. Buczek, his wife

Original Mortgagee: Chemical Bank

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST

Date of Mortgage: October 8, 2015

Date of Mortgage Recording: November 2, 2015

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $156,050.66

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Valley, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Unit 10, Nature View Estates, a Site Condominium according to the Master Deed recorded in Liber 3170, Page 288, as amended, in the Office of the Allegan County Register of Deeds, and designated as Allegan County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 275, together with rights in general common elements and limited common elements as set forth in said Master Deed, and amendments thereto, and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended.

Common street address (if any): 1603 Nature View Ln, Allegan, MI 49010-9112

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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Date of notice: October 2, 2025

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Laurie Ann Brand, a unmarried woman

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Center

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: September 13, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 22, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $191,728.00

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot(s) 28 and 44 of Rossman's Add. to the Village (now city) of Allegan according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 5 of Allegan County Records.

Common street address (if any): 47 Wayne St, Allegan, MI 49010-1656

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE (Allegan County) NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County (at East front entrance to the Allegan County Building in Allegan County, Michigan.), starting promptly at 9:00 o'clock A.M. on Thursday, November 6, 2025. Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the mortgage made by Timothy T. West, unmarried, as original mortgagor, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, as original mortgagee, dated April 19, 2013, and recorded on April 30, 2013, at the Allegan County, Michigan Register of Deeds, in Liber 3733, commencing on Page 59. The amount claimed to be due on this mortgage, on the date of this notice, was $27,660.31. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The description of the mortgaged premises is all that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Watson, in the County of Allegan and State of Michigan further described as follows: Commencing at a point 10 Rods East of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 2 North, Range 12 West, as a place of beginning; thence East 100 feet; thence North 300 feet; thence West 100 feet; thence South 300 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as: 2145 119th Ave., Allegan, MI The redemption period shall be Six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale or when the time to provide the notice required by MCLA 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later or unless the redemption period is shortened in accordance with MCLA 600.3238. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under MCLA 600.3278, the borrower and mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Attention Purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Shaheen, Jacobs & Ross, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: September 26, 2025 The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, Mortgagee SHAHEEN, JACOBS & ROSS, P.C. By: Michael J. Thomas, Esq. Attorney for Mortgagee 615 Griswold Street, Suite 1425 Detroit, Michigan 48226-3993 (313) 963-1301

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SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under

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Public Notices

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section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Aidan J. Taylor, unmarried man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: October 8, 2024 Recorded on October 17, 2024, Liber 4982, on Page 852, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Union Home Mortgage Corp. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Five and 95/100 Dollars ($244,865.95) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the West edge of 30th Street 330 feet North of its intersection with the East-West 1/4 line of Section 15; thence South 177.5 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence West 164 feet; thence South 152.5 feet; thence East 164 feet; thence North 152.5 feet to the Point of Beginning, located in Section 15, Township 1 North, Range 13 West. Commonly known as 696 30th St, Allegan, MI 49010 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Union Home Mortgage Corp. Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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(10-02)(10-23)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Troy Thibodeaux, a single man Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: January 26, 2017 Recorded on February 1, 2017, Liber 4110, on Page 60, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Fifty-Five Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Five and 22/100 Dollars ($55,155.22) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Commencing at a point on the town line between Wayland and Martin Township, 20 rods and 8 feet East of the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32, in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, running thence 10 rods North; thence 4 rods East; thence 10 rods South; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning. Also commencing at a point on the township line between Martin and Wayland Township and the Southwest corner of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 32; thence 16 rods 8 feet East to the place of beginning; thence North 10 rods; thence East 4 rods; thence South 10 rods; thence West 4 rods to the place of beginning, Allegan County, Michigan. This property may also be described as: That part of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4, Section 32, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, Wayland Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 258.48 feet to the East line of the West 404.0 feet of said East 1/2, and the place of beginning; thence continuing South 90 degrees 00 minutes West 132.0 feet; thence North 0 degrees 08 minutes East 165.0 feet parallel with the West line of said East 1/2; thence North 90 degrees 00 minutes East 132.0 feet; thence South 00 degrees 08 minutes West 165.0 feet to the place of beginning. Subject to highway right of way over the South 33 feet thereof. Commonly known as 927 124th Ave, Shelbyville, MI 49344 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Nationstar Mortgage LLC Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: KARA LEE BUURSMA has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on NOVEMBER 13, 2025 AT 10:00 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: KARA LEE BUURSMA to KARA LEE KEDDE

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Ronald Allen Miller Date of Birth:*XXX

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Allen Miller, died August 19, 2025.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ellen M. Miller, Trustee of the Ronald A. Miller Trust UAD May 12, 1982 , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1536 Gull Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49048 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Galen W. Fairchild P77352
151 S. Rose Street, Suite 900
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
269-381-8844
Ellen M. Miller, Trustee
224 E. Van Bruggen St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
269-779-0771

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO.

In the matter of the Dorothy J. Meulandyk Declaration of Trust Date of birth: 10/10/1926

TO ALL CREDITORS:*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

Tha decadent, Dorothy J. Maulendyk died 5/18/2025

There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate 16 whom Letters of Authority have been issued. Creditors of the decedent are natified thal all claims against the Trust will be forever bared unless presented to Mark Meulendyk and Pam Biertuempfel, Co-trustees of the Dorothy J. Meulandyk Declaration of Trust, under a trust Agreement dated March 14, 2008, as amended, withing e date'pf publicationof this notice.

8-7-2025
Miller Johnson
Teresa L. Rajata PB3305
100 W. Michigan Ave, #200
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 226-2950
Mark Meulendyk
2716 Parkwyn Dr.
Kalamazoo, MI 490008
269-207-3336
Pam Biertuempfel
19290 Lake Forest Dr.
Penn Valley CA 95946
530-913-5042

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. XXX and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of BETTY A. HOTCHKISS Date of Birth:* November 22, 1941

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, BETTY A. HOTCHKISS , who lived at 921 7th Street Plainwell , Michigan 49080 died July 24, 2025. There is no probate estate.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against BETTY A. HOTCHKISS or the Ronald D. Hotchkiss and Betty A. Hotchkiss Revocable Living Trust dated April 10, 2007, as amended and restated in total on February 26, 2020, will be forever barred unless presented to Janet Martin, the named successor trustee within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

10/2/2025
Tyler J. Stewart P80750
DeMent and Marquardt, PLC Trustee Name
211 E. Water Street, Suite 401
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
(269) 343-2106
733 Bayberry Lane
Janet Martin
Otsego, Michigan 49078
(269) 744-2421

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65876-DE and JUDGE Hon Jolene A. Clearwater
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Mary Gwendolyn Nancarrow Date of Birth:*1-12-29

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Mary Gwendolyn Nancarrow, died 9-4-25 .

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Pamela Andres, Teresa Nancarrow , personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

10-2-25
Pamela Andres, Teresa Nancarrow
3701 Fairway Drive
Muskegon, MI 49441
616-249-7052
231-755-3639

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of Patricia June Grimm Date of Birth:*3-11-1944

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Patricia June Grimm, died 3-12-2020.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Luke Anthony Hopkins, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

8-2-2025
Luke Anthony Hopkins
522 Sherman St.
Allegan, MI 49010
269-993-0027

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Nathan Kupres, married man, whose address is 307 Sib Rumery Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348, as original Mortgagors, to MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., AS NOMINEE FOR LOWER, LLC, being a mortgage dated January 23, 2024, and recorded on January 30, 2024 in Liber 4917 Page 678, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to Amerihome Mortgage Company, LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated January 27, 2025 and recorded on January 27, 2025 in Liber 5007 Page 487, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED FOURTEEN THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR AND 81/100 DOLLARS ($214,934.81). Said premises are situated in the City of Wayland, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: LOT 38, WAYLAND HEIGHTS NUMBER 1, CITY OF WAYLAND, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT IN LIBER 7 OF PLATS, PAGE 9. Street Address: 307 Sib Rumery Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: October 9, 2025 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490), Johnson, Blumberg, & Associates, LLC, 5955 West Main Street, Suite 509, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. Telephone: (312) 541-9710. File No.: MI 25 6738

(10-09)(10-30)

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 6, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Anthony Allen Carpenter, a single man

Original Mortgagee: Lake Michigan Credit Union

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): None

Date of Mortgage: September 20, 2023

Date of Mortgage Recording: September 25, 2023

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $12,356.89

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Land situated in the Township of Wayland, Allegan County, Michigan: That part of the West 1/2, Northeast 1/4 of Section 15, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of said section; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 1375.54 feet along the West line of said Northeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes West 604.52 feet along said West line; thence South 89 degrees 14 minutes 36 seconds East 1314.65 feet along the South line of the North 40 acres of the South 60 acres of said West 1/2 Northeast 1/4; thence North 00 degrees 02 minutes West 464.00 feet along the East Line of said West 1/2, Northeast 1/4; thence North 83 degrees 09 minutes West 1323.71 feet to the point of beginning.

Common street address (if any): 3126 5th St, Wayland, MI 49348-9755

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: October 9, 2025
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(10-09)(10-30)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
CASE NO. 25-65851-DE and JUDGE
Court address 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010
Court telephone no.(269) 673-0250

Estate of DAVID H. HOLMES Date of Birth:*3/21/1948

TO ALL CREDITORS: **

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, DAVID H. HOLMES , died 6/1/2025 .

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to JEREMIAH J. HOLMES, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

9/30/2025
Holly A Jackson P71684
1600 E Beltline Ave NE Suite 114
Grand Rapids MI 49525
616-588-0999
Jeremiah J Holmes
6465 120th Avenue
Fennville MI 49408
616-283-1225

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on November 06, 2025. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Brady James Visser, a single man, as sole owner Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: December 28, 2023 Recorded on January 5, 2024, Liber 4913, on Page 160, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: One Hundred Five Thousand Sixteen and 59/100 Dollars ($105,016.59) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: LOT 5, BLOCK 6, RAILROAD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF PLAINWELL, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 44 OF PLATS, PAGE 198, ALLEGAN COUNTY RECORDS. Commonly known as 113 Broad St, Plainwell, MI 49080 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. United Wholesale Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee/ Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

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NOTICE

Martin Township is now accepting bids for 2025/2026 snowplowing season. This is to include the Township Hall and J C Wheeler library. Please send sealed bids to Martin Township, PO Box 27, Martin MI 49070. Attention: Jennifer Wharton/Snowplow Bid. Bids will be accepted until November 7, 2025.

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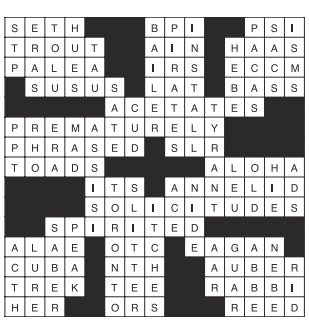

Auction

Auto auction. October 9 @ 8 AM. 1486 142nd Ave Dorr MI 49323. 2007 Acura MDX VIN # 2HNYD28387H513255. Starting Bid $2500. 2016 Ford Explorer VIN # 1FM5K-8D89GGA36586. Starting Bid $2500. 2015 Chrysler 200 VIN # 1C3CCCBB8FN566041. Starting Bid $2,000

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RELIGION SECTION

In the 11th chapter of the Book of Genesis we find the quirky story about the Tower of Babel. It is truly quirky. The basic plot is that the people of other tribes and nations came together to build a tower up to heaven so they could look the Lord God face to face. They believed that they would then be equal to God. At first, the construction went well, but when God found it getting dangerously high, he confused the people by giving them different languages. They could not communicate, and the project came to an abrupt end.

Some Bible scholars believe the story happened exactly as it is given, and a few will point to the ancient ziggurats of the Middle East as prove that the project was attempted. Others believe it is an allegory to explain the spiritual dangers of trying to make oneself equal with God, or the futility of trying to take God's Kingdom by storm. Others see it as a fable to explain why there are so many different languages and dialogues in the world that sometimes create serious impediments to good communication.

Perhaps they are all at least partially correct. We know what happens when humanity tries to get too big for its own good, and it ends up as a disaster. For example, we see it when we abuse the natural world, and the rising global temperatures lead to weather that leads floods, rising sea levels, and drought in its wake. Or, as in the case of China in the 1950s, Mao decided that there were too many birds who were eating the grain. He ordered people to kill the birds by any means possible. They did, but then there were no predators to eat the insects that did even more damage.

We also know the difficulty we have communicating with someone who speaks a different language from our own. That, however, is only one part of the challenge. A good friend from India, who speaks very fluent English, one day got frustrated and said, "I know you are speaking English, but what are you saying?" Or, we have different words for the same object. Is a fizzy drink a can of pop or soda? If we can still find them, do you drink from a water fountain or a bubbler?

Professionals sometimes talk in their own 'ese'. Have you ever been around a group of lawyers who speak English, but use many legalese words? Or physicians? They know what they mean, they can talk with other professionals, but when we are in the exam room, sometimes the patients are left perplexed.

And yes, sometimes it happens in churches. I greatly admire some of our brilliant minds who are comfortably fluent with academic ecclesiastical jargon; I sometimes have no idea what they are saying. That is not good for any of us.

So many of the problems and challenges in our homes, churches, communities, and world could be diminished simply if we worked to clearly communicate with one another. We could reduce the tension and live happier lives, and I truly believe that is what God desires for us.

G C Stoppel
Priest Associate
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, Allegan, MI

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
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269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
673-5995
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
Pastor Eric Burrows-Stone
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Presbyterian Church
200 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church: 673-4631
www.fpcallegan.org
10:00 service time.

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

First Church of God
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

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104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
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3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Haven Church
PO Box 1
4691 Oak Street, Hamilton
(269)751-7300
Pastor Mike Drew
FB:havenreformedchurch

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
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Pastor Nicole Smith
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Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
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322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
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Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

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5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
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Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
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3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI
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Pastor Everett Belue
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Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
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269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
04077 M40 (M40/CR390)
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Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
410 E. Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

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Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
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Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
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616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
502 West Superior, Wayland
(616) 877-6134
Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

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